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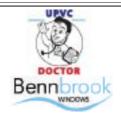
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Thugs who stabbed and beat stranger are jailed

Hammers and screwdrivers used in vicious assault in broad daylight

By James Gregory

A PAIR of thugs who stabbed and beat a complete stranger with the contents of a tool kit in broad daylight have been jailed for a total of more than 20 years. Osa Francis Akpata and Charlie Knight, both 20,

attacked Robert Sommerville with hammers and screwdrivers in Harlow on January 26, 2017, in the middle of the afternoon.

The victim ended up in hospital for three days after sustaining a punctured lung, broken ribs and lacerations to his face and eye after the vicious

The court heard how Akpata hit the victim in the chest, taking him to the ground.

Knight then attacked him with a hammer before

Akpata returned to deliver the final three blows. Sommerville was hit 13 times in total. Akpata was found guilty of attempted murder and Knight admitted committing GBH.

The pair were sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court on Thursday (January 25) by Judge David Turner QC.

Mitigating for Akpata, who appeared via live video link from Belmarsh Prison, John Cammegh explained to the judge how his "weapon-infused lifestyle" could be traced back to the difficulties he

had experienced throughout his childhood.

Mr Cammegh said: "He has had lifelong difficulties with ADHD that was not diagnosed until very late on. As a child, the impact of the condition and in particular the impact it would have on others who would bully him may well have had a severe impact later on

Therapeutic

"He admits he finds the therapeutic element difficult as he prefers to keep himself closed."

As the only original barrister from the trial, Mr

Cammegh explained that Akpata had been very cooperative throughout the proceedings and that he had always found him polite and candid.

Knight, who admitted to committing GBH two weeks before his trial on August 16 last year, also

weeks before his trial on August 16 last year, also appeared in the dock before Judge Turner.
Charles Conway, mitigating on his behalf, told the court how Knight had been let down by the care system and was in fact paid £14,000 by the state after finding that there was improper protection of him as a young child.

Mr Conway, who read out a report undertaken by clinical physoclogist Angels Holday said: "Ha

by clinical physcologist Angela Hobday, said: "He finds it difficult to control his temper. "His post traumatic stress disorder has led to his

low self-esteem.
"He has asked for help to change.

"He was beginning to have an understanding of how his aggression takes hold but there is a long

The Dean of Chelmsford was also in attendance



Sentenced:

■ Charlie Knight:

GBH and possession of a weapon - Eight and a half years, plus extension of three on licence and 12 months for possession of weapon to run concurrently (total of 11 and a

Osa Francis Akpaka:

Attempted murder and breach of suspended drug sentence – Thirteen years, plus extension of three years on licence (total of 16 years). Four weeks for suspended sentence to run concurrently.



Osa Akpata (left) and Charlie Knight attacked a complete stranger back in January 2017



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Big rise in number of rough sleepers

ROUGH sleeping in Essex has increased by 44 per cent in the last year.

The county has also seen a staggering increase of 276 per cent in people sleeping out on the streets since records began in 2010.

Last week, official figures were released by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government showing that rough sleeping in England had increased for the seventh consecutive year.

The data from the government department revealed that an estimated 4,751 people were sleeping outside overnight in 2017, a 15 per cent rise on the year

Alarmingly the statistics also show the number of rough sleepers in England increased by 169 per cent over the last seven years – when the count was 1,768 in 2010.

However, in Essex, the increase has been a whopping 276 per cent since 2010 – going up from 50 rough sleepers in the county to 188 in 2017. Harlow recorded 24 people

sleeping in the open in 2017. That figure was below 10 just eight years ago and stood at 20 a vear earlier.

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Lucky escape after vehicle goes over on its side on Harlow's Ford roundabout







Driver who flipped his lorry walks away unhurt

By Sophie Finnegan

A DRIVER who flipped a lorry onto its side at a major Harlow roundabout miraculously walked away unharmed.

The incident happened just after 8.30pm on Wednesday last week (January 24) on Edinburgh Way near the A414 in Harlow.

Emergency services were called to the scene which is locally referred to as the Ford roundabout, to reports of a road traffic collision involving a

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service crews and police were also on scene to deal with the incident, though specialist heavy lifting equipment is thought to have been used to haul the vehicle back onto its

Dispatched

A spokesperson for the East of England Ambulance Service said: "A rapid response vehicle and an ambulance crew were dispatched to help.

"At the scene we assessed one patient, however they did not require to be taken to hospital."



Emergency services attended but the driver did not need to go to hospital

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Labour man admits comments referring to domestic violence were inappropriate

Councillor's apology for cracking a joke about wife beating

By Tom Bage

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A COUNCILLOR has apologised after making a joke about domestic abuse.

Harlow Labour councillor Mike Danvers drew fierce criticism when he compared a poll carried out by Essex Police and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst to "beating your wife".

In a discussion of the poll, Cllr Danvers said: "It's like beating your wife, at the end of the day he's going to get the answer that he wants."

Harlow MP Robert Halfon stood up in the House of Commons to take issue with the comments, particularly in light of tragic cases of domestic violence in the town in recent years, and called on him to quit.

Cllr Danvers was swift to admit he was wrong and said in a statement: "I would like to apologise unreservedly to anyone I have offended with comments I made



MP Robert Halfon, left, and Ian Hudson

during an interview with Your Harlow yesterday regarding the Council's budget proposals for 2018/19.

"I understand that it was completely inappropriate.

"Domestic violence is an extremely serious issue, which has a devastating impact on the lives of victims.

"I was completely wrong to refer to it in the way I did, and will be much more sensitive and care-



during an interview with Your ful with my language in future."

General manager of the Harlow and District Chamber of Commerce Ian Hudson, who is chairman of the Bishop's Stortford Ukele Society and Tidy Up Bishop's Stortford, defended the comments as being a "figure of speech" last week.

That, and Cllr Danvers' original comments, prompted Mr Halfon to tell Parliament: "My honourable friend will know of

tragic and fatal cases in my own constituency of Harlow.

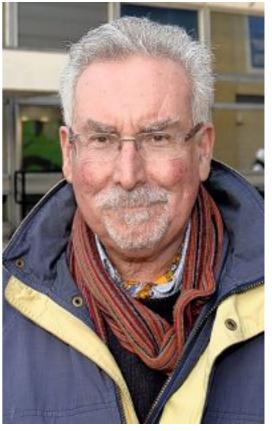
"Sadly a senior Labour councillor, Mike Danvers, made a joke about beating one's wife which incredibly was supported as a 'colloquialism' by the manager of Harlow District Chamber of Commerce

"Does she not agree that we should condemn this, that the councillor should resign, the manager of the Harlow Chamber of Commerce should apologise and that we must be sensitive about domestic violence?"

Organisation

Speaking both for his organisation and Mr Hudson, Robert Findlay, chairman of Harlow and District Chamber of Commerce, said: "At Harlow and District Chamber of Commerce we publicly are against all domestic violence.

"It is not funny. It is contrary to our purpose of developing a prosperous and co-operative town."



Mike Danvers says his comments were 'completely inappropriate

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Enraged man pointed imitation firearm at victim during dispute over his driving

Fugitive admits he made gun threats to neighbour

By Piers Meyler

A HARLOW fugitive who remained on the run for ten months has pleaded guilty to threatening a neighbour with a fake gun in a row over his driving

Armed police were called after Michael Butler threatened the victim, a man in his thirties, following a dispute in Pittmans Field.

Butler, 32, who has a teardrop tattooed under his left eye and the word "Ends" tattooed on the right side of his neck confronted the victim on September 11, 2016, after complaints that he could put the safety of residents at risk with his driving.

Butler went into an address in the road, returning with a "gun", then pointed it at the victim and threatened him with it.

The victim called the police and armed officers attended but the driver had left the area.

Butler was stopped in Leigh-on-Sea and arrested ten months later on July 30, 2017.

Fear

Butler, of Queens Road, North Weald, was charged with possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and possession of Class B drugs.

and possession of Class B drugs. He pleaded guilty to the charge at Chelmsford Crown Court on Wednesday, January 24. He is due to be sentenced at the same court on Friday, February 2.



Michael Butler, 32, will be sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court





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M People star Heather is festival's headline act

AN ESSEX music festival has announced its first headliner for the 2018 line-up. Heather Small, who was the lead

singer of M People, is one of the main acts at the Brentwood Festival and will perform on July 13 on the grounds of the Brentwood Centre.

Known for being the vocalist for band M People, whose hits include Moving On Up, One Night In Heaven and Search For The Hero, Heather launched a solo career.

The title track of her album Proud became a UK hit and was even the soundtrack to London's successful 2012 Olympic bid, the Tsunami Relief Concert, and England's victory at the Purkly World Cipe

Rugby World Cup.

M People also went on to win the
Best British Dance Act Award at the
1994 and 1995 Brits, as well as the
Mercury Music Prize for their album

Elegant Slumming. Supporting her on July 13 will be 1980s R&B band Imagination, featuring Leee John.

Jason Jopson, festival director, said: "We are thrilled to have a performer of Heather's calibre on our 2018 line-up.

"She's got such a strong back catalogue of hits that we know the crowd will be singing along to.

Tradition

"Friday has come become a bit of a soul night at the festival, and we're happy that the tradition continues again this year."
The eighth annual Brentwood

The eighth annual Brentwood Festival will be held from July 13 to 15 2018 in aid of Cancer Research

The event features two dozen performers on two stages throughout the weekend, VIP lounge, overnight camping, posh loos, real ale tent, street food, market stalls, funfair, and free parking.

Marathon effort of the assistant head who shed total of six stone

Slimline Harlow teacher to run London event for Great Ormond Street Hospital





What a difference - Shawki Bakkar when he weighed in at 24 stone, and how he looks today

By James Gregory

FOR Shawki Bakkar, being 24 stone was never an issue.

Takeaways and sugary snacks were part and parcel of his life and he had never contemplated doing any form of exercise.
He couldn't run for 30 seconds straight,

but now he is training to run in the London Marathon after dropping a whopping four clothes sizes in less than a

Shawki, the assistant head teacher at Burnt Mill Academy in Harlow, was inspired to lose weight and take on the mammoth challenge after watching last year's marathon.

"I had never run a metre in my life – I'd never exercised if I'm honest," he said. "But watching the London Marathon

and seeing how everyone was supporting each other really inspired me to do something about my weight.'

Harder

Shawki quickly got to training, but soon realised it would be a lot harder than he could ever have imagined.
"When I started my marathon train-

ing, my plan was to run for 30 seconds and walk for 30 seconds, ten times," he

"I was shocked to find I couldn't even

run for 30 seconds - my heart was racing.

"It was a massive struggle – my body

simply couldn't do it."

Shawki now weighs in at 18 stone and runs four times a week and for up to 70 minutes at a time.

He is aiming to drop a further three stone on his way to competing in the marathon in April.

"I have got lots more energy now," he continued.

"I sleep better and I am more com-fortable and happy.
"I was wearing size XXXL in T-shirts –

that has all changed now

Route

Shawki is running the 26.2 mile route in a bid to raise funds for Great Ormond Street, and will compete in a half marathon in Milton Keynes before the big

event.

He said: "I never in a billion years would ever have seen me running a mara-

"I have been taken aback by the support I am getting from the Burnt Mill community.

"I was invited to visit Great Ormond Street and what I saw was heartbreaking and life-changing.
"I would never give up now because of

what I saw and how amazing the hospital



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Schools guided by Burnt Mills Academy Trust are achieving excellent results

Schools celebrate Trust in **UK** table top spot

By Charlotte Page

A ROYDON primary school is celebrating its success topping the primary school league table as part of the Burnt Mill Academy

The trust, which includes eight schools in total, has topped the national league tables for primary outcomes with its results at The Roydon Primary School, as well as at Freshwaters, Cooks Spinney

and Little Parndon in Harlow which was the top Essex primary

Progress scores in reading, writing and maths at the Roydon based school were considered well above average, according to a Government performance chart.

Fortunes

Also celebrating its success is Forest Hall School in Stansted, which achieved average scores having turn around its fortunes Thumbs up as progress scores in reading, writing and maths at the Roydon based school are now

Allan Osborne, executive principal and leader of the west Essex hub of BMAT, said: "I am abso-

become the top trust nationally for progress in our west Esser hub in terms of primary out-

"Little Parndon, Freshwaters, Cooks Spinney and Roydon staff and students deserve this amazing recognition of their sheer hard work and determination.

"Yet again, we are smashing

through barriers and demonstrating that anything can be achieved with high expectations and the

National

"Burnt Mill Academy has yet again shown itself to be an out-standing school with Progress 8 scores which put it in the top 12 per cent nationally and well above national average.

"The consistent year on year outstanding outcomes show what talented student and staff BMAT

Executive head for the north Essex hub Stephen Hehir, added: "For the third year in a row, Forest Hall School has achieved well above national standards.

"This is a testimony to the hard work and determination of our

vonderful staff who go above and beyond each day.

"Our drive to ensure that every child in the north Essex hub has the chance to achieve highly continues as we see the growth Magna Carta Primary

"Over the last three years, BMAT north Essex hub has given the children in Stansted Mount-fitchet and the surrounding areas the opportunity to experience outstanding teaching and an unfor-



Forest Hall School, Stansted Mountfitchet

Strategy outlined to meet county demand for 22,000 more places

places will be needed across Essex in the next decade, according to a strategy published by Essex County Council.

Projections show an extra 12,201 new primary places and 9,915 new secondary places will

be needed between now and 2027 Among the new schools in the pipeline over the next decade are primary schools in Harlow and Uttlesford

Other schools will be increased in size.

A total of 1,843 places are required in in Harlow (693

There are also secondary schools set to be built in Colchester and Harlow. Again, some secondary school are also to be expanded.

Open

In Harlow, New Hall, a new primary school at Church Langley, will open later this year, while Sir Frederick Gibberd College, a new eight form entry secondary school, is coming in

Councillor Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "We investing in new school places and spent about £74m creating more than 2,500 places ahead of

September 2017. "As a result, we were able to offer a record percentage of primary and secondary school pupils their parents' preferred places for the latest academic year, which is an outstanding achievement in the current

"Despite our successes, we recognise that the county is continuing to grow and a further 22,000 new school places will be needed over the next decade."















£7.5m to fund 150 more police

Cash to be raised through council tax to put extra officers on the frontline

By Piers Meyler

AN EXTRA £7.5 million is set to be raised through a council tax increase, to fund an additional 150 frontline police officers in Essex.

Members of the Essex Police, Fire

and Crime panel have approved Roger Hirst's proposal which will result in the recruitment of 150 more officers primarily for local policing teams bringing the total number of officers to at least 3,000 by 2019.

Three-quarters of all the additional

money raised from the increased police precept from council tax is

being invested in local policing.

The increase follows a survey in which approximately 65 per cent of people said they would be prepared to see council tax increased by more than two per cent.

Additional

Three-quarters of people who shared their view said they were prepared to contribute an additional £10 more per year to invest in policing and the majority of people said they were prepared to contribute over

Mr Hirst said: "Essex Police has had the lowest funding per resident of any force in the country. I am delighted that my proposal has been approved.

'I can now increase the police ele ment of council tax by £12 for a band D property, which is just £1 per month, to help us respond to the changing nature of crime and provide more

local, visible and accessible poli-

cing."
The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner budget for 2018-2019 is £277.429 million, roughly two-thirds of which is funded by Government grant and one third of which is funded by council tax.

The approved increase is a 7.62 per cent rise in the police element of local council tax, equivalent to an increase of £11.97 a year from £157.05 to £169.02 for a Band D property, raising an additional £7.52 million

Potential

Essex Police has also identified a further £3.5 million in potential savings by working more efficiently and this money will be reinvested back into the force.

These investments are part of a comprehensive transformation programme currently being delivered by Essex Police that includes investment in new technology, in training and development and in modern, fit for purpose stations.

Mr Hirst added: "Overall demand for policing is increasing. Local officers, detectives, specialist teams, PCSOs and police staff are all working

hard to keep Essex safe.
"This new funding will enable the Chief Constable to provide vital new

"They will be joining one of the most efficient forces in the country as assessed by Her Majesty's Inspectors. We will continue to look for ways to improve efficiency and provide a better service for the people of Essex."







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Defendant sobs in dock as judge says 'this is a sad and shameful day for you'

Businessman tried to meet up with young teen for sex

By Sophie Finnegan

A FATHER of one asked the dating profile of a fake 15-year-old boy to meet up for sexual activity at a Harlow McDonald's

Tejas Parikh, 37, from Welwyn, was charged with attempting to meet a child after speaking to who he thought was a 15-year-old boy in October last year.
A member of the CSE paedo-

phile hunter group posed as the boy on the gay dating app Grindr.

Contact

On October 3, 2017, the profile was contacted by a profile called 'IndianTop', which was later confirmed to be controlled by Parikh while he was in custody.

Several conversations took place over Grinder and Whatsapp between the pair after he gave out

and was 15-years-old, which Parikh replied: "OK, I love young but I have to be careful of the

He then made jokes that he was under age and was too young to be

The court heard how they had attempted to meet up before, but the defendant did not show up.

On October 13 last year, at 1.40pm, the defendant messaged the profile to ask how he was.

The fake profile replied with: 'The take profile replied with:
"You didn't turn up last time," to
which he replied: "Yeah, didn't
really know it was you, I'm free
today for sure."
"Really?", the profile replied.
Parikh, who has a seven-yearold child, told the profile: "Yes,
what time you thinking?" and the

WhatsApp chat continued in a sexual nature.

He then asked him: "Are you is number.

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agreed to meet him at McDonald's in Harlow.

At 11.09am he was arrested in his car by officers at McDonald's when police were informed of the

On investigation, police discovered he sent images, thought to be of himself as the man in the pictures was an Asian male in his 40s wearing glasses.

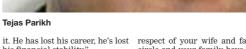
Remorse

Prosecuting lawver. Shroff, told the judge the defendant had no previous convictions but highlighted that he had a sexually explicit conversation and had items in his car to aid with sex.

Mitigating lawyer, Roger Sho tota, said there was "no excuse for his behaviour" and that Parikh shows "extreme remorse."

He continued: "He has volun-

tarily taken steps to address his behaviour, he recognises he has a problem and is trying to address



his financial stability."
Sentencing Parikh, Judge
Turner told him: "This is a sad
and shameful day for you. You are 37, you are a university graduate, you have a bachelor's degree, and further qualifications.

"You have lost your career, your reputation, the integrity and

respect of your wife and family circle and your family have been financially affected.

"If a 15-year-old had been corrupted the sentence would be measured in years.

"However, I am satisfied that I

Chelmford Crown Court last Friday as he was handed a two year community order, ordered to carry out 140 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay costs of

He was also given a five-year can deal with you in a way which protects the public."

Parikh sobbed in the dock at Parikh sobbed in the dock at offenders register for five years. sexual harm prevention order and will be ordered to sign the sex



Phone glitch prevents villagers dialling 999

POLICE warned residents of several towns and villages in Hertfordshire this week that the emergency 999 number was unavailable on landlines

Bishop's Stortford, Much Hadham, Royston and Bayford are all affected and police urged anyone in an emergency to get in touch via their mobile phones. The problem was reported to BT, which worked on the problem.

Last week we reported how a ower fault at Hertfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service control centre left 999 calls being handled by operators in Norfolk for 15 hours



Police appeal for help finding man wanted in connection with burglary

POLICE are appealing for the help of the public in finding a man wanted in connection with

a burglary. Daniel Walton, 34, who is thought to be from Harlow is wanted following a burglary which happened in Ware Road, Hertford, at the beginning of January

Police have released an image of him to help with their search. If you recognise him from the picture on the left or have any information about his

whereabouts, contact Detective Constable Nicola Morris via the non-emergency number 101.

Information can also be reported online at www. herts.police.uk/report.

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More than 100 native trees to be planted by conservationists at Woodside Green

Scheme aiming to restore park to ancient glory



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Woodside Green common will be transformed by the National Trust

By Harriet Clugston

AN ancient parkland habitat near Bishop's Stortford will soon be restored to its former glory as a lottery-funded National Trust lottery-funded National Trust conservation project gets under

More than 100 native trees including oak, hornbeam, beech and field maple will be planted as part of the £28,000 project at the historic Woodside Green common near Hatfield Forest.

The 27-hectare grassland site was gifted to the National Trust in 1935, and is currently used to graze cattle in the summer.

It is hoped that an ambitious

conservation project will trans-form 20 hectares of the site back into a historic parkland, described by the National Trust pasture'

wood pasture is a "mosaic habitat" that features ancient trees, grazing animals and open grassland or heathland, which supports many different micro-habitats for a wide range of wild-

The replanting project – which will begin this year and has been made possible by a £750,000 grant from the People's Postcode Lottery to the National Trust – will aim to restore wildlife that would have historically relied on the trees that grew on the grazed pas-ture, including rare bats, birds

and insects.

Henry Bexley, National Trust Countryside Manager for Essex, said: "Woodside Green is very close to Hatfield Forest, which is internationally significant as one

intact medieval hunting forest and is a National Nature and Site of Special Scientific

'This important designation is due to the ancient trees and their wealth of dependent wildlife.

'We can now help to secure their future by restoring habitat nearby at Woodside Green."

The National Trust is working to restore 25,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitats by 2025. It will also be undertaking work

to restore chalk grasslands at the White Cliffs of Dover, creating lowland heath in Exmoor and Devon for the UK's most endangered butterfly, and restoring wildflower meadows along the Durham coast to help nesting birds such as skylarks and lap







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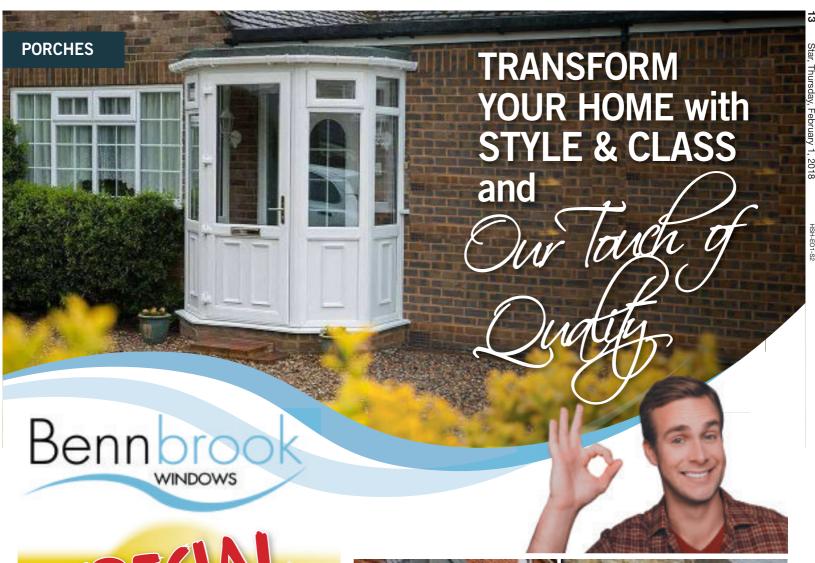
Man sought over spate of thefts

POLICE are appealing for help in locating a man wanted in connection with a Sawbridgeworth burglary

Martin Maughan (pictured), 30, of Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross, is also wanted in connection with a number of thefts from motor vehicles in the Thames Valley area.
Anyone who sees

him, or has any information is asked to contact Hertfordshire Constabulary via the non-emergency number 101 and quote crime reference number A4/ 17/680

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Bereavements

MALCOLM ALLAN

Sadly passed away on 10th January, aged 83. Missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 7th February at 4:00pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RSPB

HAZEL ELIZABETH BARDWELL

Passed away suddenly at Lister Hospital on 24th January aged 78.

The Funeral will take place on Friday 9th February at St Peter's Church Buntingford at 10am, followed by a burial at Layston Churchyard Buntingford.All flowers are welcome.Donations if desired are for Crohn's and Colitis UK. All enquiries to Austin's of Buntingford. Tel: 01763274111

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Rod **BROWNLIE**

Sadly passed away at home on Monday 8th January 2018, aged 63 years.

Funeral service to be held at GreenAcres Epping Forest, on Friday 9th February 2018, at 11.00am followed by a private committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

No flowers please

All enquiries to Daniel Robinson and Sons Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

Frank **CLANFORD**

Passed away on 24th January 2018 aged 89 years. He will be sadly missed by his son Steve, Deb, Ben, Ellie and Family, The funeral service will take place at

Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 9th February at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to "Dementia UK' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinsonn & Sons 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford CM23 3AL or via our Web In Memory Page www.drobinson.co.uk

Dorothy 'Dot' **COLLINGRIDGE** nee Cox

Sadly passed away at home on January 10th 2018 aged 88 Years

Beloved Wife of the late Ernie, Much Loved Mum of Val, Geoff and Ian

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 13th February at 2.30pm.

Family flowers only please. If desired, donations. made payable to 'St Clare Hospice' or 'RSPCA' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

June Grace **CURTIS**

Passed away peacefully at home on 18th January 2018 aged 87 years. Wife of the late Dennis, nother of Ian and Linda. She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.. The funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 8th February at 1.00pm. Family Flowers only but donations if desired to "Isabel Hospice" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford, CM23 3AL Tel: $01279\ 655477$

David John DIXON

On the 20th January 2018 David passed away peacefully at home with the love of his life Jacqueline Martin by his side.

He was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed. His funeral will take place at

Holy Trinity Church, Bishops Stortford on Wednesday 7th February at 12.30pm followed by a gathering at the Coach and Horses pub, Thorley Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts, CM23 4AS.

Flowers are welcome or if desired donations can be made to Cancer Research UK c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons, South Street, Bishops Stortford CM23 3AL or made via the In Memory page at www.drobinson.co.uk

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TIMOTHY EDWARD **ELMS** 'TIM'

Passed away peacefully, quickly and painlessly on Wednesday 17th January 2018 in the Critical Care Unit at Colchester General Hospital after a seven

week battle against pneumonia. Beloved son of Bob and Jill and dear brother to Andrew. A Memorial Service to celebrate Tim's life will be held at St Mary's Church, Great Dunmow on Monday 5th February at 11.30am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be made payable to Colchester Hospitals Charity or The Willow Foundation and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Haslers Lane. Great Dunmow CM6 1XS.

Alternatively, please visit the 'In Memory Pages' at

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John Perham

Sadly passed away on 13th January 2018 aged 64. He will be sadly missed by all members of his family.

Funeral Service will take place on Monday 13th February 2018 at 10:00am at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Clare Hospice.

Brenda Georgina **LANGFORD**

Passed away suddenly on 5th January 2018 aged 78.

She will be sadly missed by her Husband, Son, Daughter-in-Law, family and friends. Reunited with her younger Son, James. She will always be in our heart and thoughts and will never be forgotten for all she gave to us in her life.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday 13th February at Parndon Wood Crematorium at $1:00 \mathrm{pm}.$ Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to

The Children's Trust.
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655477 or the in memory web site www.drobinson.co.uk

Jovce LODGE

Sadly passed away on 23rd January 2018. Much loved Mum, to Stephen, Malcolm & Melanie Nan and Great–Nan. Will be sadly missed. Funeral to take place at Three Counties Crematorium, Braintree, CM7 5PB. on Friday 9th February at 9.30am. Family Flowers only please, Donations will be accepted for Guide Dogs. Enquires to Daniel Robinson, Haslers Lane,

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John **MANSFIELD**

10/6/46 - 16/1/18

Father of Gary, Wayne, Clare and Aimie

Much loved and missed Dad and Grandad

Funeral to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on 7th February at 1.45pm

Bereavements

Barry Stanley McCOMBIE

Sadly passed away on 18 January 2018, aged 72 years.

Beloved husband to Deborah, dearly loved Father to Donna, James and Alex, cherished grandfather to Ashley, Ben, Isabella and Lailya and deeply missed by his brother Dennis.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 15th February at 3:15pm. All welcome

Flowers or donations to Diabetes UK may be sent via Daniel Robinson & Sons, Harlow, CM20 1QP.

Jenni **PATRICK**

Passed away on 25th January 2018 aged 80 Years. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood

Crematorium on Monday 12th February 2018 at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only please but donations for Alzheimer's Society may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford Herts CM23 3AL tel 01279 655477 or via in memory pages www.drobinson.co.uk

Keith STALLARD

Died peacefully in St Clare Hospice on 21st January 2018 following a courageous battle with cancer.

Much loved husband of Pat, father to Nicholas and Simon. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

As requested by Keith, no flowers please but donations, if desired to "CLIC Sargent" (Children's Cancer charity) may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990 Alternatively, please visit the 'In Memory page' at www.drobinson.co.uk



GLADYS JESSIE IDA **TAYLOR**

Peacefully in the Princess Alexandra Hospital on 21st January 2018, aged 85 years. Now reunited with her beloved Husband Derek. The beloved Mum to Stephen and Cheryl, mother-in-law to Steven and Anne–Marie and a wonderful and loving Nan to her 6 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Glad's Funeral Service is to be held on Tuesday 6th

February 2018 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.00 p.m. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Age Concern, Harlow. Cheques made

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Amanda WILLIAMS (Needham)

Passed away peacefully after her illness surrounded by loving family on 9/1/18 aged 38 years. Beautiful wife, amazing mum, wonderfu daughter, treasured sister daughter, treasured sister an inspirational lady who touched the hearts of everyone she met. Funeral Service Friday 9 February 11.00am English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road, Reading, Berks, followed by a burial service at All Hallows Road Reading Cemetery Family flowers only

please, however donations may be made at Manda's request to Sue Ryder, Duchess of Kent Hospice in Reading at www.mydonate.bt.com/ fundraisers/manda or to Cancer Research UK or Contact David Needham 07771916864 other enquiries to The Co-op Funeral Care Reading Tel:01189874473 David Needham

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Acknowledgements

Barry Michael COOPER

Tina and Sharon wish to thank all those who attended Barry's funeral. What a wonderful tribute to him. Thank you for all the cards, floral tributes and generous donations to St Clare Hospice. We would like to thank Rev Neil McLeod for a beautiful service, Newport Surgery, Papworth and Addenbrookes Hospitals, St Clare Hospice and Peasgood & Skeates for their professionalism

Trevor George **POWTER**

The family of the late Trevor Powter, send their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Trevor funeral in celebration of his life. Special thanks to:

Trevor's Church Family at St Mary's Elsenham, to Garv Townsend for a beautiful bespoke service. To the ladies who worked so hard with providing refreshments and the Elsenham Bowls Club stewards

To Joanne at Daniel Robinson & Sons Funeral Directors and associates for an excellent service. To Elegant Stems for the beautiful floral tributes. Please accept this as our only but most sincere acknowledgement

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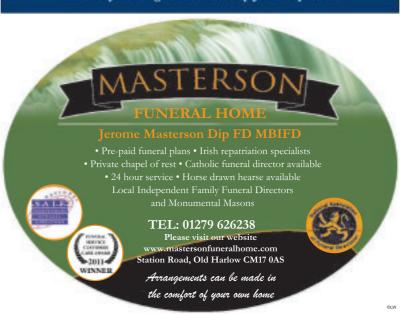
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New hospital won't solve the problem

ROBERT Halfon is right about the problems facing services at Princess Alexandra Hospital – but his suggestion that the way to deal with them would be to set up a completely new hospital elsewhere to replace PAH is wildly off the mark.

Yes the sight of ambulances queuing with patients aboard is shameful, and patients should not have to wait long hours to be treated. But those wouldn't be solved just by having a new hospital. All we can expect from that would be that those kind of problems would recur, and be put down to "teething problems" as the new hospital got under way. The hospital is in the right place, and has quite enough room to allow for the necessary changes to solve those problems, if the backing from central government was provided. A multi-storey car park could improve matters greatly, both for patients and ambulances. But the main reasons for delays in treating people are to do with not having enough medical staff on duty to meet the demand, and places where treatment can be carried out. Building a new hospital wouldn't solve that – there'd be no more doctors and nurses on duty, and there is plenty of room on the present site to expand the space for treating

patients. What's needed is to provide more money for both the NUS and to enable a proper system of social care to relieve pressure on medical facilities. A new hospital, probably built through the discredited Private Finance Initiative, would be an expensive diversion.

Kevin McGrath Harlow



There is room on the present site to expand the space for treating patients

Kevin McGrath

Hospital workers did a caring job

AFTER all the negative press we feel Princess Alexandra Hospital has received over the last few years we felt it was only right to write to you and tell you about our experience.

On Boxing day my partner's brother was rushed into the hospital with widespread pneumonia. Sadly he died some days later. From the moment he entered the hospital he and the rest of our family were treated with kindness, a high level of care and professionalism from all staff. We would especially like to give our heartfelt thanks to the staff in the ICU and HDU. We would wholeheartedly recommend Princess Alexandra to all. The national health service is one of our most valuable assets and from our point of view Princess Alexandra is a jewel in its crown. Sue Driver and Dean Doyles Harlow

More money is needed for NHS

YES, the case for a new hospital for Harlow is very strong, and Robert Halfon, as the town's MP is quite right

to be putting that case to the government as strongly as possible ("Long queues prove need for new hospital", MP tells Government, January 18). But that is inevitably a longterm project, years in the future. What is needed urgently, now, is more money for the NHS in general and for PAH in particular. One contribution that could be implemented fairly quickly, to help deal with the immediate crisis. would be to re-open the Walk In Centre which provided a valuable service before it was closed some years ago. Indeed, there is a strong case that Walk In Centres should be a normal part of the NHS organisation, providing a useful intermediary facility between hard-pressed GP surgeries and the hospital.

Frank Jackson Harlow

Current site is in need of thought

ON visiting Harlow hospital a large sign states that improvements are under way to the main entrance, however, someone in a electric wheel chair would not be able to use the front entrance and would have to go at the back of the hospital.

It has not been thought out very for the disabled. Mr R E Budd By email

The state of our town is eyesore

WHAT a mess this town of Harlow looks like. The roads are some of the worst I have seen, motorists spend an unsafe amount of time having to dodge potholes, and even when they are repaired it is a quick fix. I certainly do not blame the repairers, they just follow their instructions from their superiors.

The road infrastructure is a shambles, parts of the town are 'grid locked' from 4.30pm, and I for one can't wait for the new housing developments to be finished along Elizabeth Way...

Grass verges are churned up throughout the town by vehicles belonging to residents, as well as the parking on pavements throughout the town.

Roundabouts are a disgrace, apart from then

sponsored ones, just look at the one in the town centre at the junction of Fourth Avenue and North Gate/ Kitson Way. This particular roundabout has been in that 'eyesore' state for years, a very welcoming site for visitors to Harlow and the Town Centre.

This is apart from the dumped rubbish around the town, in the hedgerows, cycle tracks and the like.

This Town has certainly gone down hill over the years, nothing like how it used to be, but hopefully in the future a reversal of what it is now.

Ronald D Lucia Coppice Hatch, Harlow

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by Kate Ives

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never give up. As I say to my kids. Just make sure

your best is good enough

for you! **Club Foot Harlow:** We're very pleased to be supporting Mr Bakkar with his fundraising efforts with this event - come along for a great night! https://www.facebook.com/events/

■ TRADERS STEP UP SECURITY MEASURES AFTER HARLOW GANG RAM RAID

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Peter Lambert: How many more ATM ram raids is it going to take, before the police ever actually catch the culprits?

Karen Boylan: It's a terrible state of affairs, it's like a joke now.

■ INVESTIGATION LAUNCHED AFTER MAN STABBED IN EPPING HIGH STREET JUST 30 MINUTES BEFORE SIX-MAN GANG KNIFE ATTACK

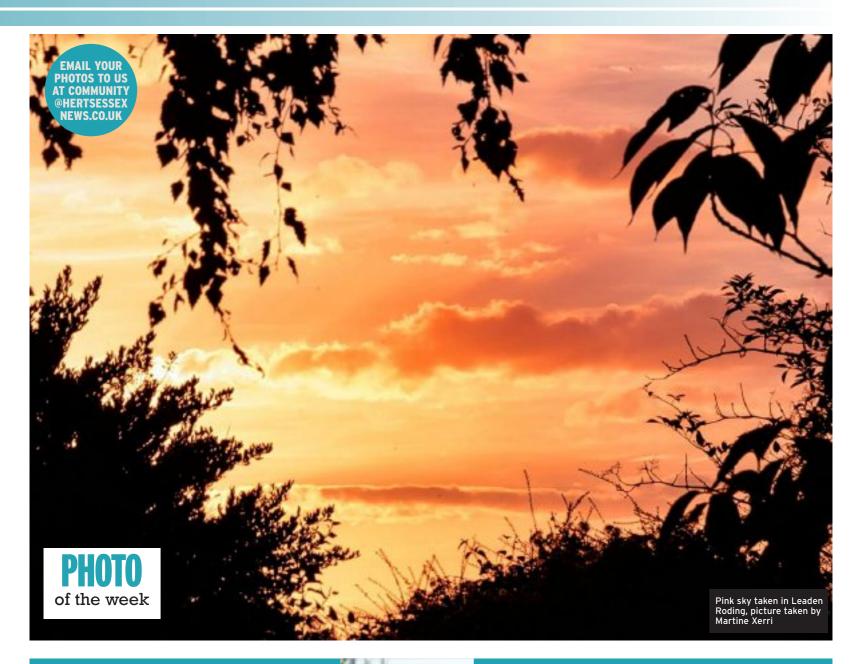
Keith Knight: They know they can get away with it in Epping now the police have to come from Loughton or Harlow. Cuts cost lives and

Dawn Churton Hill: Glad to see the severe threat of punishment for carrying knives is working.

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Robert



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POINTS OF VIEW

Rt. Hon. Robert Halfon MF

I AM pleased to be writing my first column for the Harlow Star. I'll be writing each week to update you on what has been going on in Harlow and in Parliament.

I was elected to be Harlow's MP in 2010 after moving to the town in 1999. Since then, I've been fortunate enough to visit schools and businesses, attend community events and host Harlow's annual Jobs Fair. I have met so many amazing residents, young and old, who make Harlow the aspirational and close-knit community it is. Throughout my years as MP, I have also been working hard in Parliament. Through campaigns in Westminster, I have helped keep fuel duty

frozen for eight consecutive years, facilitated Public Health England's move to Harlow (to make it the health science capital) and secured funding for the Harlow Enterprise Zone to bring more jobs and innovation to the town. My passion is education. As Apprenticeships Minister, I introduced the

Apprenticeship Levy to support businesses to take on apprentices and help build a skills nation. Now I am Chair of the Education Select Committee – it's amazing because I can be really involved in education and scrutinise the Government to make sure education in England, and in Harlow, is the very best it

can be. Despite Westminster and Harlow being only 30 miles apart, Westminster can feel like a world away. I wanted to write this column to communicate what I'm doing to build an even better Harlow when I'm not out and about in the town. Each week I will write, like this, for the Harlow Star to keep you up to date.

I will continue to work hard every day to build an even better Harlow, champion education and skills and protect our NHS. If there is every anything I can do to help, please get in touch via halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com, if not, I will see you here in the same place next week for Column Number 2!

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OUR CHARITY NEWS

Join the team at hospice shop

HASTINGWOOD-based charity, St Clare Hospice, is encouraging local people to join the team and get involved with volunteering in their flagship store located at the St James Centre, Harlow. More than 230 local

people, give their time to help out in St Clare's eight charity shops, located across West Essex and East Herts, offering their invaluable help in sorting donations, providing excellent customer service and maintaining the

shop floor.
Shop volunteer, Danielle
Spicer, has been helping in the Debden St Clare shop for over two years. She said: "Volunteering in a St Clare charity shop is an easy way to help people, and a nice little job to have. I've made so many good friends just

from working here - both colleagues and customers. There's such a happy atmosphere here because we are all close, and we get on all the time. It's hard to put into words; it's like one big family here.

"It's easy to think that these kinds of places are just charity shops, and to forget where the money is going. Yet, because the hospice is local, the people around here usually have some association to St Clare, and do know exactly where their money is going and who it is helping. I love volunteering here because you can see that what you're doing is helping, and making a difference in your local community, you can see it happening. "I love it here, I really do.

At first, I was very nervous to meet so many people, yet, everyone made me feel so welcome, and at home. It was like I had always been here. Volunteering for St Clare has given back to me, and helped me with building confidence. Now, I feel like I can do things that I wouldn't have been able to do before."

St Clare Hospice's Harlow shop is currently recruiting for more volunteers to help in the store located at Unit2A, St James Centre, East Road, Harlow.

To find out more, phone Rob Wallace, on 01279 773722 or email rob.wallace@ stclarehospice.org.uk or apply online here: https:// stclarehospice.org.uk/ volunteervacancies/shopvolunteer-harlow/



Danielle is one of the volunteers in the St Clare shop

Rainbow Services members enjoy a colourful social life

IN May 2016, Rainbow Services received three years of Big Lottery funding to reduce loneliness and social isolation in Harlow's senior community.

During that time, Rainbow Services set up six weekly social clubs across the town and offered monthly special events, including day trips. As the project has grown,

local businesses, organisations and schools have come together to support the clubs. Supporters include Mecca Bingo, Kings **EMAIL YOUR** Plumbing and NEWS TO US AT COMMUNITY Heating, Freshwaters Christian @HERTSESSEX Fellowship **NEWS.CO.UK** Greggs, MRCT and Tesco Stores Edinburgh Way, Church Langley and Express who came together to host and run an afternoon tea party for over 100 people in July. Passmores Academy and William Morris C of E Juniors have provided choirs at our special events.

With additional funding in April from Essex Community Foundation Harlow Recreation Trust Fund the charity was able to provided afternoon tea river cruises for over 100 people, in partnership with CanalAbility.

In May the charity ran two safe and social events at Harlow Cricket Club and the Leah Manning Centre where information was provided about frauds, scams and bogus calling, participants had a wonderful freshly prepared lunch, then entertainment and dancing in the afternoon.

In July the charity received further funding from Groundwork's One Stop, Shop for Carriers and

Causes to treat over 80 seniors to a day out to Southend.

September saw a coach full of club members travel to Cambridge for a day of shopping and sight seeing. In the autumn, the charity partnered with the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group to host three safe and social

events at the Leah Manning Centre, the GPCA and Harlow Cricket Club. With information and goody bags, a 'Staying Well in Winter' theme in the morning, we hosted around 300 people for a fish and chip lunch with singing from an Elvis impersonator in the

afternoon. Rainbow Club members came together to celebrate



One of Rainbow Services' many events for seniors in Harlow.

Christmas in style, thanks to Tesco Stores PLC Bags for Help fund. In partnership with Harlow Rugby Club, Rainbow Services community builder team were delighted to host a party for 120 Harlow seniors. Guests were treated to a carol service, roast turkey dinner followed by singing and dancing.

One of the guests said "I didn't think this was my type of event but I've had a wonderful time and will look

to join one of the social groups in my area.

From another: "The lunch was superb and we really love coming to the weekly

There will be a list of special events published

soon. Weekly club members are given priority booking, however, all Harlow seniors are welcome.

For information about the weekly clubs and events or joining our volunteers, call 07793 007737

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Climb aboard for a canal trip with an award-winning charity

RESEARCH out this month, commissioned by the Boating and Watersports Holiday Show, reported that a third of Brits plan to take a 'staycation' in the UK this year, and a further two million are planning to go on a canal boat.

However, is this an option

for someone with a disability or mobility issue? Award winning charity CanalAbility say it most definitely is.

CanalAbility are an award winning charity, based on the Herts Essex border, and dedicated to providing the facilities for disabled people and people with special needs to enjoy boating on the river on specially adapted canal boats

Whether you have a disability yourself, or care for someone who does, the crew at CanalAbility have been helping disabled and disadvantaged people, and people with special needs, enjoy the river for over 19 years and provide all the facilities needed for those with disabilities to fully participate in the experience.

Everyone can take part as much, or as little, as they wish, from steering the boat to helping operate the locks, making sure everyone has a memorable, fun and

inspiring experience.

Enjoying a leisurely cruise through the beautiful countryside of Essex and Hertfordshire gives a unique way to explore and, choosing a short break or holiday option, will give you the opportunity to wake up in a new location each morning, allowing you the freedom to explore and discover something new each day. You will be spoilt for choice; spot wildlife as you glide along, discover heritage sites and beautiful country villages, plus, there are no parking charges or traffic jams on the river.

The boats have central heating throughout and are fully equipped with wet rooms, fully accessible toilets, hoists, ramps and lifts to enable access via wheelchair and for people

with impaired mobility. The fully equipped galleys allow you to prepare your own meals, or you can stop off at several nearby pubs and restaurants or, bring your own picnic to enjoy as

you cruise along.
On day trips we provide a skipper, first mate and crew member.

They encourage you to become part of the crew for the day, if you wish, by encouraging you to take the



Canal boat project

tiller and help with the locks. If you were looking for more of an incentive, CanalAbility are currently

offering a discount of 25 per cent off advertised prices for cruises taken in February.

arranging a canal boat trip contact CanalAbility on 01279 424444 Monday to Friday between 9.45am and

1.30pm, email hello@ canalability.org.uk, or visit the website at www.canalability.org.uk



Kevin Packer, inpatient unit volunteer

Your chance to make a difference

ST CLARE Hospice, is encouraging local people to join the team and get involved with a diverse range of volunteering activities to support the organisation in

St Clare currently has the support of over 450 committed volunteers, working across all departments of the hospice. Volunteering roles range from support in clinical services and care settings, to facilities maintenance, assistance in their eight charity shops, fundraising support and more. Volunteering at St Clare is flexible for the individual, with some choosing to give their time on an ad-hoc basis whilst others commit to a regular shift. With the

charity's services continually developing and growing, the appeal for more helping hands is as vital as ever. St Clare Voluntary Services

Manager, Rob Wallace, said: "If you're looking for a New Year's resolution in 2018, we have plenty of fantastic opportunities for people to come and get involved with supporting their local hospice charity and making a difference in their community. Our volunteers are an absolutely crucial part of the team at St Clare – they support our nurses on the Inpatient Unit, help to run Day Therapy groups and assist in running sessions for children and young people who have lost loved ones. As well as this, they also provide invaluable support behind

the scenes – maintaining our beautiful gardens, giving talks about our care in the community, fundraising for us, and so much more.

Rob continued: "If you have a spare few hours here and there, or a free day during the week, please do get in touch and lend us your time and skills to help our hospice – we would love to hear from you! Joining the St Clare team is like being part of an extended family – you will feel so rewarded by lending a hand to us, whilst making a huge difference towards the local people and families who you help us to

Kevin Packer, a St Clare volunteer who works on the Inpatient Unit, said: "One of the best things about

volunteering at St Clare is knowing that when I finish my shift, I have made a difference. However big or small, whether it's a patient or a relative that just might want a chat or a simple cup of tea: as a volunteer I am there to listen and make the patient and family as comfortable as I can. When I get home, I know I've done something to contribute to

the community."

If you'd like to volunteer with St Clare Hospice, you can find more information on their website at: https:// stclarehospice.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteer/. Alternatively, please get in touch with Rob Wallace at rob.wallace@ stclarehospice.org.uk or 01279 773722.

YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

New year off to great start with top rating

STAFF and pupils at Saint Nicholas School in Old Harlow are celebrating this week after receiving the top rating in a recent school inspection, carried out by the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI).

The result of the inspection which was carried out on December 6 and 7 last year, has been formally shared with the school and the full report has happily been shared with parents and staff who are all delighted with the result.

Unlike previous inspections, where inspectors are permitted to use words such as 'exceptional' or 'outstanding', the highest possible rating under this particular inspection framework is 'fully compliant' which the school is delighted to have

achieved. Across eight discrete areas, covering aspects such as quality of education provided, pupil welfare, health and safety and the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils the school was judged to be fully compliant in all areas.

Furthermore, on leaving the school after the two days, the inspectors were keen to stress how much they had enjoyed their time at Saint Nicholas and complimented the pupils who the headmaster has said were a credit to the school throughout the process.

David Bown, the headmaster, who has been in post since September 2016, said: "I am enormously grateful to all my colleagues for the consistently high standards they set and to the



pupils for the part they played in making this such a successful inspection. "I must also thank the,

"I must also thank the, more than, 200 parents who responded to the questionnaires and whose feedback reinforced the judgements made by the inspectors. It is a fantastic vote of confidence in the school." The school, which celebrated an excellent set of GCSE results last summer, appears to be going from strength to strength under Mr Bown's headship, with a series of improvements to the school's facilities having recently been undertaken, including an extended 3D art room, a newly laid all weather cricket square, a

new remote controlled stage lighting system in the theatre and a complete refurbishment of the main school hall.

2018 will see further facility developments including a new junior play area and the opening of an onsite coffee shop for parents to use after school drop off.

Mr Bown commented: "We are thrilled with the inspection report but we know that we cannot become complacent and are fully committed to driving the school forward to maintain the very highest standards of educational provision. 2018 is set to be a very busy year but we are certainly off to a great start."

Sporting talent awards celebrated as the first black England footballer presents top trophies

ST Mark's West Essex Catholic School in Harlow celebrated the commitment, talent and skill of its pupils last week with its Sport Awards' Evenings.

Pupils who have represented the school in a variety of sports, and those who have demonstrated commitment to training and to their peers, were presented with their Sports' Colours.

Awards were also presented to Managers' Players of the Year, Rising Stars in each year group and overall Sport Personality of the Year: Lower School: Ronnie Nickolds; Upper School: Al-Amin Kazeem Presenting the awards was Guest of Honour Mr Benjamin Odeje, the first black footballer to represent England at any level. He made his debut as a

He made his debut as a schoolboy international against Northern Ireland in 1971.

The school is very grateful to the Jack Petchey Foundation, who helped to finance the Sport Colours Programme and Awards.

Head of Physical
Education, Ray Flowers, said:
"The Awards' Evenings were
wonderful celebrations of
the talent and personal
commitment of our students;
the PE Department is very
proud of them all."



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Futurechefs looking to sharpen skills for the finals

BUDDING young chefs from Passmores are looking forward to taking part in the regional finals of national

cooking contest, Futurechef.
Following a double win for the academy at the local finals in December, students Ross and Dylan are back in competition mode as they prepare for the next round

taking place on February 6. The boys are mentored by two professionals, Glenn Evans, Head of Food Development at Las Iguanas and Ben Nottage, Executive Chef at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Stansted Airport. The first of their three mentoring sessions focused on skills in preparation, taste and presentation.

Funded by the Springboard Charity, Futurechef is an initiative which supports young people aged between 12 and 16. From this, they can develop their culinary
expertise which could lead to later in the year.

a professional career in the food industry later on.

Glenn, who has been involved with the charity for six years said: "Passmores has always been in the competition, but this is the strongest year yet in terms of the chefs' ability. We are seeing improvements year on year which are the result of good teaching at school, information through the media and a widening availability of ingredients. Practice makes perfect, so cooking outside of school will also benefit them. The boys are certainly doing

In fact, Glenn and Ben are so impressed with the boys skill and commitment that they have invited them to prepare lunch at a function taking place at the Radisson Blu this month.

The winner of the Regional Finals will progress to the National Finals to be held



Young people take a leap of faith to share their ideas at annual **TEDx conference**

PASSMORES is again hosting TEDxYouth@Harlow following the resounding success of last year's event.

Linked to the internationally acclaimed TED Conferences held all around the world, young people from the UK and beyond will be sharing innovative ideas on the theme of 'Making Connections'

Passmores English teacher, Anna Szpakowska said: 'I'm so excited to announce that applications are now open

for TEDx Youth. We're looking for young people aged between 10 and 24 with a diverse range of talents as performers, speakers or youth reporters. This is a great opportunity to show how young people can take an active and positive role in our community and society as a whole'.

The event will take place on Sunday, July 15 2018. If you are interested in taking part, please contact a.szpakowska@ passmoresacademy.com



YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Youngster wins backing from TV star with his mission to help the homeless

Orn nis weekly visits to Great Ormond Street Hospital Oak, who is 11 years old, was saddened to see all the homeless people in London and especially how they seemed to be invisible to passers-by.

So he started making up bags of food and gloves each week to donate to homeless people upon each visit. Giving out the parcels he also chatted to the homeless.

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Deciding that he still
wanted to do more and
reach more people, he made
a video at his school, which
thought it was a great idea,
asking for anyone to donate
certain items, such as warm
hats, socks and toiletries
such as toothpastes and
deodorants.

This video has been seen by more 1,000 people, including Jonathan Ross, who tweeted: "The world needs more people like Oak" Oak wants to continue his

Oak wants to continue his campaign and is still collecting donations. He said "I'm happy that people have listened to what I've got to say and been so generous in their donations.

"We should help homeless people as they are alone and need help and no one should



feel alone. And if you think 'why cant someone else do it?', then I would say to them, 'how about you be that someone else, because you can make a difference,

like I have'.
I" really hope more people
will donate so together we

can make a difference."

Donations can be given into reception at Passmores

Academy, or to the Streets to Homes Centre. Call 01279 430011.

MP pledges his commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day

THIS week MP Robert Halfon signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment to pledge his commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day, honour those who were murdered during the Holocaust, and pay tribute to the extraordinary Holocaust survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people today.

Saturday, January 27, marked the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the site of the largest mass murder in history.

In the lead-up to and on Holocaust Memorial Day, thousands of commemorative events were arranged by schools, faith groups and community organisations across the country, remembering all

the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. The theme for this year's commemorations is "the power of words".

After signing the Book of Commitment, Mr commented: "Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people from Harlow and the villages to reflect on the tragic events of the Holocaust.

"As the Holocaust moves from living history, to just history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember the victims and also pay tribute to the survivors.

"The Holocaust
Educational Trust does an incredible job of reminding the world, particularly students and children in the UK, of the horrors of Nazi

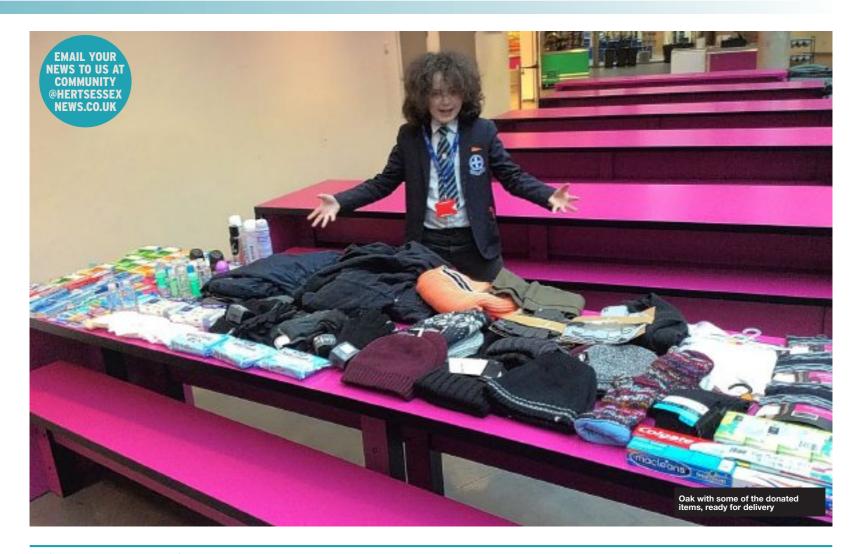
Germany. I have been incredibly touched by the number of residents who have been in touch with me about this, particularly students from St Marks and Harlow College."

Harlow College."
Karen Pollock MBE, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said: "The Holocaust did not start in the gas chambers but with hatefilled words. Our mission is to educate young people from every background about the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance.

"We are very grateful to Robert Halfon for signing the Book of Commitment, signalling a continued commitment to remembering the victims of the Holocaust as well as challenging antisemitism, prejudice and bigotry in all its forms."



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Five new Rainbow groups to help reduce loneliness among elderly

RAINBOW Services Senior Safe and Social Project has a busy time ahead.

With eight weekly clubs already established across the town, it is planning to set up five new groups over the next few weeks.

Funded by Big Lottery for three years, with the support of a wonderful group of volunteers, the Rainbow Community Builders continue creating new groups to meet the rising demand for activities, reducing loneliness and social isolation for the town's older population.

- ON TUESDAY, January 30 a group at The Golden Swift pub opened at 10.30am.
- ON MONDAY, February 5 two new groups launched, one at the Playhouse at 10.30am in their café and

social space, the other at Desormeaux Bunglalows, in their social room at 1.30pm.

- ON TUESDAY, January 6 they opened a new group at The Shark pub in Little Parndon at 1.30pm and then:
- ON FRIDAY 9, the group at Netteswellbury Farm in the Day Barn, which is part of the Study Centre opened at 10am.

There will be a warm welcome waiting for you at all of the clubs, where you can have a cuppa, chat and make new friends.

The team at Rainbow have just put the finishing touches to the special events calendar for 2018, which features an afternoon tea in February, a lunch and bingo afternoon at Mecca, two day trips, several river cruises, a

trip to the theatre, several Safe and Socials and a wonderful Christmas party.

One of the highlights of the special events calendar is the Great Get Together Event on Saturday, June 23, in partnership with Harlow Council and the GPCA (Great Parndon Community Association).

Inspired by Jo Cox, the Great Get Together is a national event to bring communities together.

It will be a combination of a summer fete and a street party where everyone will receive complimentary refreshments but will be encouraged to bring and share food with other guests.

More details will be released as the event grows closer.

For more information, call Kelly on 07793 007737 or Claire on 07421 140208.



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TALKING POINT

It's time to protect our public services

THE BIG **QUESTION:**

What lessons can be learned from the government's handling of the Carillion collapse?



LABOUR

Laura McAlpine



THE collapse of Carillion illustrates what's wrong with this government.

The company, which was the UK's second largest construction company, held 450 public sector contracts, meaning it was responsible for building and maintaining hospitals, roads, railways and schools.

It had stakes in businesses that provide power, rail

infrastructure, healthcare facilities services, manage prisons, and provide school meals.

In other words, it was largely responsible for delivering and maintaining the backbone of our country. And now it has spectacularly collapsed.

It treated its suppliers like banks, many of them small businesses now owed thousands of pounds, paying them on 120 day terms while being paid in 30 days by

government.

It paid its directors large salaries and bonuses and authorised dividend payments when it knew it was in deep trouble.

It leaves in its wake a £580m pension deficit and hundreds of former employees who are now facing uncertain futures.

To describe this as a disgrace is an understatement.

Carillion's profit was privatised and its risk was socialised and, as in 2008 with the banks, it's ordinary people who bear the brunt.

Labour's candidate for Staple Tye, Laura McAlpine said: "Carillion's collapse raises serious questions about whether the country's "backbone" can be reliably and responsibly delivered by the private sector.

"Harlow Labour proposes following the example of our Labour-led Council in bringing some services back under public control and

returning profits to the taxpayer through investment in the environment and

other services.
"In bringing Kier "in house" through the creation of HTS Property & Environment Services last year, Harlow Council will return around £1m to Harlow residents annually. Formerly this went to shareholders."

Something to think about when you see an HTS van round town.

GREEN PARTY



James Aicken

CARILLION's collapse is another reminder of how the government's privatisation

project is a failure. We were sold the idea of privatisation as a more efficient and competitive way to reduce costs however a National Audit Office report suggests Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funded schools and hospitals are 40% and 70% more expensive respectively. Contracts are awarded to big corporations that only answer to shareholders, with little regard for their financial stability or commitment to providing quality public services. Theresa May has been slow to reassure the thousands of workers who face uncertain

employment and refused to condemn the top management who paid themselves big bonuses while the company

crumbled. Carillion was owned by Philip Nevill Green, a former adviser to David Cameron on corporate responsibility and an honours recipient. The government awarded new contracts just weeks after profit warnings were issued, by admission from the current PM to keep the company afloat. It is tough to not see this as the elite looking out for their mates at the expense of ordinary people. A full enquiry is

needed into the reckless decisions made awarding our public service contracts.

As the Green Party we hope important lessons are learned from the collapse of Carillion and we see it as an opportunity to take back our public services and make them work for all of us. This should start with the cancellation of the HS2 vanity project, one of Carillion's failed commitments. This action will save tens of billions of pounds for reinvestment into the wider rail network while protecting miles of countryside and ancient woodland.

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT ANSWERED?

■ Every week, we'll be putting your questions to representatives of each of your main local parties. So get involved! Email your questions to get the issues that matter to you on the agenda.

EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS TO COMMUNITY @HERTSESSEX NEWS.CO.UK

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REVIEWS

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Sam Clafin in Journey's End

Photo: STEFFAN HILL

JOURNEY'S END (12A) ★★★★

RELEASED to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, director Saul Dibb's thoughtful tour of duty with British soldiers on the front line expands R. C. Sherriff's moving 1928 stage play without sacrificing too

much of the psychological intensity.
Screenwriter Simon Reade ventures beyond the claustrophobic confines of an officer's dugout in the days leading up to the Spring Offensive, the setting for Sherriff's anthem to doomed youth.

His lean script trudges along muddy, collapsing trenches and sprints into No Man's Land, where the loss of young lives is brought home in a disorienting barrage of sound and fury: rat-a-tat gunfire, exploding shells and blood-curdling screams heralding a concerted push by the Germans that is supposed to break the Allies' resolve.

Anguished silences between soldiers, resigned to the grim inevitability of a final stand, cast a pall over stage versions and stoke dramatic

That relentless march of time is lost somewhat in Dibb's elegiac screen adaptation, which marshals the technical might and artistry of the moving image to visualise devastation that can only be alluded to on the page by Sheriff.

New characters have consequently been added to the play's rank and file but the emotional fulcrum remains an inexperienced officer, Raleigh, played with haunting tenderness by 20-year-old Asa Butterfield.

The character's naivete is powerfully conveyed in the calm before a daylight raid into conveyed in the calm before a daylight raid in enemy territory, when the fresh-faced Second Lieutenant comments, "This waiting is like being summoned to the headmaster". Raleigh (Butterfield) successfully petitions a

high-ranking relative to transfer him to the company commanded by old school friend Captain Stanhope (Sam Claflin), who made a big impression on Raleigh's sister.

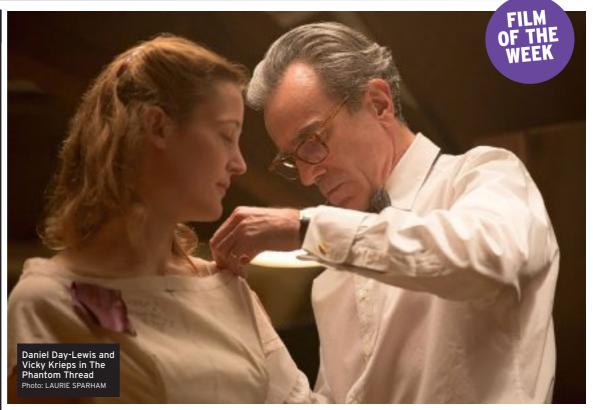
Fizzling with youthful optimism and innocence, Raleigh arrives at his new post on March 18, 1918, oblivious to the impending German onslaught.

He is greeted by Lieutenant Osborne (Paul Bettany), who has served alongside Stanhope for some time and witnessed his superior's whisky-soaked rages fuelled by fear and self-

Journey's End is an assured and largely understated depiction of the unwavering resolve and gallantry of British soldiers, who bid

farewell to each other with a hearty "cheerio". That word is tinged with melancholy in Reade's script, which provides a superb ensemble cast of homegrown talent with meaty

roles.
Claflin's spiralling paranoia contrasts with the authoritative calm of Bettany's avuncular old bean, who steadies nerves with a comforting smile.



THREE'S A CROWD

THE PHANTOM THREAD

(15) ★★★★★

ondon-born actor Daniel Day-Lewis wears success like an impeccably tailored suit. He is the most feted male performer of any generation in terms of Oscars glory in a leading role with three golden statuettes on the mantelpiece for transformative performances in My Left Foot, There Will Be Blood and Lincoln.

Day-Lewis's willingness to suffer for his art and immerse himself in the day-to-day toil of his characters is the stuff of feverishly shared legend.

He remained in a wheelchair during filming of My Left Foot, refusing to break character even to feed himself. He endured physical pain in bruising on-screen bouts in The Boxer and denied himself sustenance and sleep to convincingly portray an exhausted Gerry Conlon in In The Name Of The Father.

Day-Lewis delivers his final screen performance before self-imposed retirement as a perfectionist dressmaker in Paul Thomas Anderson's artfully stitched drama, which is set in the salons of 1950s

It is another flawless embodiment of the emotionally crippled male psyche, deliciously complicated by an ambiguous sexuality and a softly-spoken fastidiousness that doesn't extend to personal relationships... except for an uncomfortably close bond to a ferocious, purse-lipped sister, played with scorching intensity

by Lesley Manville.

They are a formidable double act and you genuinely fear for the sanity of anyone who naively strays into the siblings tortuous web.

The balance of power

appears to be weighted in

favour of the fairer sex.
"Don't pick a fight with me, you certainly won't come out alive," threatens the sister during one contretemps. "I'll go right through you and it'll be you who ends up on the floor. Understood?

Revnolds Woodcock (Dav-Lewis) is the creative dynamo of a luxury fashion house, which regularly welcomes the upper echelons of society including Countess Henrietta Harding (Gina McKee) and Belgian bride-to-be, Princess Mona Braganza (Lujza Richter).

His sister Cyril (Manville) presides over the seamstresses and also manages her brother's romantic vacillations, ridding the household of his bothersome companion, Johanna (Camilla Rutherford). During a seaside break

between commissions, "confirmed bachelor" Reynolds embarks on a whirlwind affair with sweetnatured waitress Alma (Vicky Krieps).

"I feel as if I've been looking for you for a very long time, he coos to his new muse.

Alma's swift introduction to Reynolds's life in the capital puts her on a collision course with Cyril and her lover's impossibly demanding nature.

Phantom Thread is a slowburning study of competing obsessions.

"Whatever you do, do it carefully," Alma tells Reynolds during a clifftop stroll and writer-director Anderson heeds his heroine's words, observing his superlative cast in long, unhurried takes as they trade verbal blows.

Krieps has the least showy role of the central trio but holds her own against the imperious tag team of Day-Lewis and Manville.

Two's toxic company, three's a potentially murderous



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1tbsp light olive or rapeseed oil, plus extra for brushing; 1 onion, finely chopped; 1 garlic clove, crushed: 200g cooked vegetables (e.g. carrots, sweet potatoes, butternut squash); 400g tin red kidney beans rinsed and drained; A pinch dried chilli flakes; 1/2tsp paprika; 50g day-old wholemeal bread: 1/2tsp ground cumin; Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to season: 4tbsp oats or sesame seeds; Wholemeal

For the salsa: 1 large ripe tomato, skinned deseeded and finely diced; 1tbsp fresh coriander, chopped; 1/2tsp finely chopped fresh chilli (or to taste); 1 small clove of garlic, crushed; 1tsp olive oil; 1/4 red onion, finely chopped; 1tbsp lemon or lime juice; To serve: Rocket and a large avocado, sliced

METHOD:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 190°C/170°C fan/gas mark 5

2. Heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat. Add the onions and cook for three minutes until translucent. Add the garlic and cook for a further minute. 3. Put the onion mixture, vegetables, beans, chilli flakes, paprika, bread and cumin in a food processor and blitz until well combined. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper 4. Shape the mixture into four large burgers. Put the oats or seeds on a plate and coat the burgers. **5.** Place the burgers on an oiled baking tray then brush with olive oil. Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes until they are

lightly browned and

crisp on the outside.

6. Make the salsa by

ingredients together.

with rocket, slices of

avocado and tomato

toasted wholemeal baps

7. Serve burgers in

combining all the

Being a runner doesn't you like all the time

"RUNNERS starting out often think running is a license to continue eating whatever they real phenomenon, and that's because many runners overestimate the amount of

No need training for this year's London Marathon (and beginning to panic), or just trying to get the new year off to a good start by going for the odd jog, you're probably asking what you can eat before a run that isn't There are alternative runningbodybuilding champion and

TRYING TO GET ON TRACK WITH YOUR TRAINING PLAN? THEN CONSIDER WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE AS WELL, ANITA BEAN TELLS **ELLLA WALKER**

Bean, wants to prove that. The health writer has put together 100 recipes geared towards the needs of runners - regardless of speed and ability - in her latest collection, The Runner's Cookbook.

"A lot of athletes and runners don't know what they ought to be eating - there's a lot of conflicting information," she explains. "Do I really need to take gels during a run? What's the best way to fuel for a 5k or a marathon, or a half a marathon? What should I be eating straight after a run? Those are the kind of questions I wanted to address.'

fuel ingredients, and former

sports nutritionist and, Anita

Part nutrition guide, part cookbook, the recipes are simple, come with extensive nutritional information, and are tailored to a typical runner's lifestyle - meaning they're generally quick to whip up, and

will keep you going... and going. But what food mistakes do runners consistently make? And does all that exercise mean you can eat anything you fancy? Anita busts some myths and sets out some golden rules..

mean you can eat whatever

want. Runner's weight gain is a calories they burn, or

In fact, you ought to be even more careful about what you're eating. "Cut down on highly processed foods: sugars, sugary snacks, crisps, high-fat, highsugar foods. Instead, ensure your diet contains lots of fresh fruit, fresh foods and more natural

wholefoods. Whole grains, fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, lean meat, fish."

There's no need to consume energy supplements

"FOR the majority of runners." running for less than 60-90 minutes, you don't need sports drinks or any other kind of sports nutrition products."

Don't cut out carbohydrates

"OUITE honestly, nutrition doesn't have to be complicated and when you look at the diets of top runners, they're eating a diet that includes carbohydrate, states Anita. "If you've got a long or hard run ahead, you want to eat more carbohydrate - a fast fuel. It's the muscles' preferred fuel and produces energy faster than fat or protein. If you cut down on carbs, you'll feel tired and fatigued to start with, but you'll find that it may sustain you for long, slow runs, your low intensity easy runs, but a low-carb diet cannot fuel high-intensity runs.

Even Olympic athletes struggle with nutrition occasionally

"AS a runner, Jo Pavey (who has written a foreword to the book) has said she's found it really difficult to access proper nutritional information on what she should be eating, and she knows how important nutrition is. It can make a huge difference to anyone's experience, so whether you're a five-time Olympian like Jo, or starting out on 'Couch to 5k' programmes and anything in-between, nutrition really does make a big difference to how you feel, to your energy levels, your recovery, and your performance on runs.

■ The Runner's Cookbook:

More Than 100 Delicious Recipes To Fuel Your Running by Anita Bean, photography by Adrian Lawrence, is published by Bloomsbury Sport, £14.99

to run on emp Bean meal from her new overcompensate by consuming regularly, you find your appetite extra food after their runs," explains Anita. "Or think, 'I've run 10k today, so I deserve this will reduce.

I HAVE a photograph on my phone of me standing in a vineyard, arms outstretched, soaking up the sun and feeling extraordinarily lucky. It was taken in one of the top vineyards in Spain as guest of The Grandes Pagos D'Espana. It was a moment to savour.

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A moment in one place and time captured in a bottle. These wines are special, and carry special prices, but they are worth it. Hold onto your hats for a small selection from the ones I tasted:

Vallegarcia Viognier 2015 (£17.60, down from £22,



chocolate cake'. Basically, it's

getting the balance between

calories in/calories out wrong

And it's fair to say some runners

will find their appetite increases,

but once you continue running

Secastilla Old Vines Garnacha 2012 (RRP £23, oxfordwine.

co.uk, sohowine.co.uk, 14% abv) I love wines made from grapes grown on old vines, they have a knowing depth. Here the garnacha grapes were grown in the Aragon region on vines almost 100 years old. A period of 10 months in French oak has created a kaleidoscope of sweet spice, cinnamon, vanilla, white

pepper, licorice, red fruit and raspberries.

Finca Valpiedra Rioja Reserva

(£28.99, haywines.co.uk, 14% abv) This wine is a perfect balance between fruit and the classic toasty notes of a rioja. It is a blend of tempranillo, maturana and graciano and the wine has been matured in French oak for 24 months. It

is as refined and elegant as the many statues I saw in Madrid just a few days before tasting. Smoky notes sit alongside vanilla, mocha and cherries, with integrated tannins. Delicious.

Pago Negralada Tempranillo, Abadia Retuerta(£67.50, greatwesternwine.co.uk, 14%

abv) Wow wow, wow and wow. This is a wine you would buy to mark a special occasion and boy it is worth it. The tempranillo grapes grow in Castilla y León, a stone's throw from a beautiful 12th century monastery which is now converted into a luxury hotel. The wine spends 18 months in French oak barrels and the result is an integrated wine with an explosion of fruit, spices, liquorice and

lacktriangle To see all the vineyards and regions in The Grandes Pagos D'Espana association, go to grandespagos.com. Look for @GrandesPagos on Twitter■ Jane is a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Find her on social media and online as One Foot in the Grapes.

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INGREDIENTS (serves 4)

2tbsp light olive or rapeseed oil 1 onion, chopped 1 leek, washed and sliced 2 garlic cloves, crushed 400g turkey breast steaks, cut into 1cm strips

2tbsp medium curry paste 200g brown basmati rice 500ml chicken stock (or 1 chicken stock cube dissolved in 500ml boiling water)

1 head broccoli, broken into florets 100g frozen peas

A handful of fresh parsley, chopped Salt and freshly ground black

pepper, to season To serve: Plain Greek yoghurt

METHOD: 1. Heat the oil in a large heavy-based pan over a medium heat, add the onion and leek and cook for five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic and turkey and continue cooking for a further two to three minutes. 2. Stir in the curry paste, rice and stock. Bring to the boil, cover and cook on a low heat for 25 minutes, or until

the rice has absorbed

most of the liquid. **3.** Stir in the broccoli, continue to cook for five minutes, then add the peas and continue cooking for a further five minutes, adding a little more stock or water if necessary.

4. Stir in the parsley, season to taste and serve topped with a spoonful of plain Greek yoghurt.





INGREDIENTS: (makes 16 balls)

125g ready-to-eat soft or Medjool dates (or use standard dried dates Leave them to soak in boiling water for 10-15 minutes, then drain); 100g ground almonds; 75g rolled oats; 2tsp almond or peanut butter; 1tbsp cocoa powder

To coat: Cocoa powder, sesame seeds, finely chopped pistachios, finely chopped mixed nuts. desiccated coconut, or chocolate

METHOD:

1. Place the dates in a food processor with the almonds, oats, nut butter and cocoa powder, and process for two to three minutes until you have a very stiff paste. You may need to scrape down the mixture from the sides of the bowl a few times.

2. Take a small amount of mixture and roll it between your hands to make small, bite-sized balls. Choose your coating, spread it onto a large plate, then roll each ball around until nicely coated. 3. Place in an airtight container and store in the fridge for up to a week, or in the freezer for up to three months



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Writing the book doesn't mean that the fight's over -I don't think it will ever be over

As the 25th anniversary of the murder of James Bulger approaches, his mother Denise Fergus tells **HANNAH STEPHENSON** she has found a way to let go of the despair - but will never forgive his killers

ENISE Fergus will never forget the day that changed her life - February 12, 1993 She had stopped at the butcher's at New Strand Shopping Centre in Bootle, Merseyside, to pick up two pork chops for tea, letting go of her lively toddler son, James, hand for a few seconds while she got her purse out

In those fateful seconds, the two-year-old was lured away by two 10-year-old boys, Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, who took him two-and-a-half miles away to a railway line, where they tortured and battered him to death. They

became the youngest ever convicted murderers in UK legal history. Denise has chosen the

25th anniversary of James' death to write I Let Him Go, her disturbing, moving account of exactly what happened that day, the court case, the sentencing, her

campaigning for a greater sentence (the killers served eight years apiece), and her reaction to their rehabilitation and lifelong anonymity. The book was written to keep James' name alive, she explains.

"I didn't want him just to be remembered as the murdered boy, I wanted him to be remembered in a positive way.

"I used to dread the time coming round to that date," she admits of the anniversary, "but now I think I've learned that I can live with it. I don't make a big deal of it, so what we do is spend some time as a family at the

cemetery and share a smile for James, and then come home and do our own thing.

She spends a lot of time working with the charity she launched, the James Bulger Memorial Trust, to support young victims of crime, hatred or bullying through funding for holidays and travel, and continues to campaign for appropriate sentences for under-age criminals.

Thompson and Venables were detained indefinitely - but of course, as juveniles, and were released under licence, with new identities, in 2001.

The day they were released, Denise had a "meltdown", smashing up her bedroom - a way, she says, of channelling her deep anger and bitter disappointment, engulfed in guilt at being unable to deliver her promise to her son that she would keep his killers locked up.

"I felt like James had been let down," she explains. "Those two had murdered

him and were getting their lives back. James wasn't getting his life back. I felt like they'd been rewarded more than they were punished. They should have spent time in an adult prison. I don't think it was dealt with the way it should have been, and I think that's the government's fault.

She feared that, despite the life licence conditions prohibiting Thomson and Venables from contacting James' family or from entering Merseyside without written consent of their supervising officers, they might return.

"Because of all the fighting and campaigning I'd done over the years,

and I'd been in the papers, what was to stop them to come to see where my house was? We had security cameras installed."

Venables was returned to prison in November 2017 (for a second time; he was also locked up again back in 2010). He has been charged with offences related to indecent images of children, again, and his trial is to be held in private at an unnamed court on an unspecified date, the Crown Prosecution Service has said.

Already, Denise has pledged her support via Twitter to a petition for a public inquiry into Venables' release and rehabilitation.

The book makes it clear she's not impressed with how things have been handled: "The government will never be able to acknowledge the very real threat Thompson and Venables pose to the public," she writes, "because to admit that would require them to face the fact that their rehabilitation has, in my mind,

Today, she says: "I must stress that writing the book doesn't mean that the fight's over - I don't think it will ever be over, if there's a fight to be fought then I'm going to do it.

"I feel like James has been forgotten about, not by the people but by the government. They still don't know how to handle it."

Although in the book, she admits that she'll "never believe that they were transformed by their time

inside", she says she's no vigilante. "I didn't say, 'Lock them up and throw away the key, or that I want them dead, because I'm not that type of person, but I do think if they'd spent some time in a proper prison [most of their sentences were served

in secure children's homes], this case would have gone away. But they never got punished, they got rewarded, in my opinion. That's why the story's never gone away."

Her life, however, has moved on to some extent. She and first husband Ralph Bulger, James's father, split up following the toddler's death, after she had given birth to their second child, Michael. She then met and married Stuart Fergus, with whom she had two further sons. Thomas and Leon.

Stuart explains: "It's been difficult seeing how Denise has had to cope with it all over the years, the fear, the feelings, the anger, the anguish. It's great to be able to see her with a smile on her face when she's with the lads. She's got the strength of a lion."

After James' death, she was offered counselling but refused it.

"I didn't want to be sitting in front of a stranger saying how I felt. I wasn't in the right frame of mind to do that and because I come from a big family, I had them to turn to.'

She writes in the book: "People often ask me if I blame myself for what happened that day - for taking my eyes off him for that split second. For letting go of his hand as I looked for my purse... of course I do. There

aren't the words to describe how I still feel now, every day.

But when she thinks of James now, it's in a happy way, she says. She hasn't made her home a shrine to her son, but there is a large picture of him above the fireplace.

She's had to compartmentalise her life - and makes sure she returns to happy normality when she walks through the front door.

"I am a fighter for James, but once I come back home. I become mum again. There are no bad vibes in our house, no negative feel, and that's how I like it for the boys

"There were days when I'd come in absolutely exhausted and wished it would all go away, but once I came through the front door and saw the faces of the lads, that's what kept me going. I just wanted to give them a happy, normal life." And she's long since stopped asking why Thompson and Venables murdered her son.

"Only they know why they did what they did," she says, "and I realised I had to stop asking why a long time

"There is no forgiveness in my heart for my son's killers."
■ I Let Him Go by Denise Fergus is

published by Blink on January 25, priced £16.99.









her new book

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REVIEWS

EVERYWHERE by Celeste Na

Little, Brown, £16.99, ebook £6.99

THIS is the second novel from Asian American author

Celeste Ng, following her bestselling debut Everything I Never Told You, and centres on the hidden undercurrents of US suburban life.

Free-spirited artist Mia and her teenage daughter Pearl, arrive in the planned community of Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. The focus is on the impact they have on their regimented surroundings as they become entangled with an eminent local family and then caught up in a scandal involving a Chinese-American baby abandoned at a fire

This engrossing novel cleverly lays bare the strengths and restrictions of community and family.

SWANSONG

by Kerry Andrew

Jonathan Cape, £14.99, ebook

SWANSONG is told from the

BOOK OF THE WEEK

DARK PINES by Will Dean

Point Blank, £12.99, ebook £3.83

THIS is Will Dean's debut novel, and takes place in the backwaters of Sweden - a setting not unfamiliar to Dean, who himself lives in a similarly rural part of the

country with his wife. It's a murder mystery, and its protagonist is a compelling one.

perspective of Polly

Vaughan: a student

who runs away from a

terrible event she was

involved with in

relative peace and

guiet of the Scottish

Highlands. She's a pretty typical

London, to the

Journalist Tuva Moodyson has reluctantly left living in big cities to be closer to her ailing mother, and is trying to cover (and indeed solve) a string of

mysterious murders. The peace of the seemingly safe little town is rattled, especially as all its victims have had their eyes cut

out - similar to killings that took place back in the Nineties.

Dean writes evocatively of the Swedish landscape, which is the perfect scene for murders. Tuva's deafness makes her a more intriguing character, and it's dealt

with sensitively. While it's not ground-breaking and follows a standard formula, it's still a gripping read that will have you guessing to the end.

young person, and soon seeks out entertainment, drugs and alcohol to numb her feelings of guilt. However, the calm is ruptured when Polly gets caught up with a mysterious man with a dark past, and she begins to see some fantastical things.

Andrew's descriptions of the

Highlands are evocative and arresting, and as a reader you are drawn in by the loner Polly befriends. However, Polly herself is a bit too immature to really connect with as a character making her a frustrating narrator of the novel.

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LOVE by Dolly Alderton

Fig Tree, £12.99, ebook £7.99 **** THE journalist and

former dating columnist's first book looks back on her life with humour and a delightful lack of self indulgence.

Alderton breezes through tales of humiliations, failed romances and an eating disorder in a fairly matter of fact way without seeming to want to dwell on them for too long or to feel sorry for herself at all.

There's a perfect balance of light and shade in the well-paced book which ends by Alderton revealing what she has learned about love by the age of 28.

It's an inspiring final chapter, worthy of any self help book.

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Franz Ferdinand bassist Bob Hardy tells **JOE NERSSESSIAN** about the departure of guitarist Nick McCarthy, their upcoming album and a desire to tour with their new line-up

N October 2016, as the world watched America's pivotal election approach, Scotland's Franz Ferdinand released anti-Trump anthem

Demagogue.

"He pleases my fears... it feels so good to be dumb", sang frontman Alex Kapranos on the track which was released as part of the 30 Days, 30 Songs campaign aiming to counter voter apathy as Hillary Clinton went head-to-head with Donald Trump. Not only was it the first direct

foray into politics from the art rockers - who shot to fame in 2002 with their Mercury Prize-winning, eponymous debut - but it was also the first purely Franz music in three

years.
"We've never done anything as political as Demagogue before," says the band's bassist, Bob Hardy. "We recorded and released that song very quickly when we were anticipating that, post-election, Trump would just disappear into his hole and that song would just be irrelevant," he adds, chuckling with slight sobriety.

Its release came during huge upheaval for the band as they regrouped after the departure of founding member, guitarist and keyboardist, Nick McCarthy, who quit the group to spend more time with his family following their 2015 FFS collaboration with US group Sparks.

Bob recalls a frank conversation with Kapranos and drummer Paul Thomson in the Scottish countryside after Nick broke the news. The remaining trio considered splitting, or even reforming as a new band, he reveals, before agreeing the motivation was there to work on

"We started writing without being 100% sure whether it would end up being a Franz Ferdinand record," he says. "We were a hypothetical band at that point. We couldn't go on stage, we couldn't play any shows, we couldn't play

our old material.
"We were turning down offers to
play shows and festivals because we literally weren't really a band at that point.

New blood was needed and first to arrive in the new-look Franz Ferdinand was producer and musician Julian Corrie, who Bob and co knew from his work under his Miaoux Miaoux moniker.

"The stuff we had been writing at that point was leaning to the electronic side of Franz more and that was the world Julian came from, and so he just fitted right in smoothly and things started moving quite quickly," says Bob.
Julian joined them in Scotland

where the band began recording what would become their upcoming record, Always Ascending, set for release next month.

Alex billed the album as "simultaneously futuristic and naturalistic" and Bob explains how, although they were keen to embrace the arrival of Julian's fizzing synths and dancier arrange-

forward to We're a five-piece now... it feels like we're a **new** band

ments, there was also an awareness of retaining rawness.

"When we went into the studio, we didn't want to start playing to a click and importing the songs onto a grid and taking all the humanity away from it," he adds.

You get the push and pull of a live drummer, the increases in tempo, the slow downs, the slight mistakes are still in there and that's the naturalistic element coupled with electronic sounds.

The band also brought in guitarist Dino Bardot, a member of former fellow Scottish indierockers, 1990s, and are forging a new identity as a five-piece.

After 15 years of the same line-up, dynamics are bound to change, Bob admits.

"We're a five-piece so it feels like a new band in many ways, it almost is," he says.

'There's different personalities and it means set roles we may have had before have been thrown up in

the air a little bit and it becomes fluid, you know? People's roles aren't set in stone any more and there's a certain freedom to it. I guess, when you forge a new identity like that."

The arrival of Julian - who has not toured outside of the UK before and Dino has also given the band's remaining original members a reminder of their good fortune.

"It's quite infectious because you kind of realise what an amazing thing it is to do when someone's doing it for the first time," Bob says.

"It was exciting. It felt like back in the beginning when we were putting things together for the first

The band embark on a lengthy worldwide tour starting in London on the eve of Always Ascending's release with the 14 UK dates sandwiched around a homecoming show in Glasgow.

"We're looking forward to seeing

people reacting to the news songs live," says Bob. "Saturday night in Glasgow is gonna be great - I always look forward to going home for a gig but to be honest every show in the UK feels like that.

"Manchester feels like a second home, it was our first show we ever played outside of Glasgow when we supported Interpol and since then it's always been crazy.

But first comes the record, and the bassist is philosophical about its release following a tumultuous couple of years for the survivors of the noughties guitar scene.

"We can make the best record we can and be as sincere and honest about it as we can but after it's out, we have to let it go. We just let it go and it's gone and it's out there."

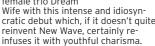
■ ALWAYS Ascending is out February 9. Franz Ferdinand tour the UK in February including stops in Cambridge, Brighton, Newcastle and Nottingham



DREAM WIFE

DREAM WIFE

JUST when it seems Punk really is dead, along comes allfemale trio Dream



Having formed initially as part of a performance art project, the band have developed a formidable reputation as a live act, but their anarchic image is backed up by tracks as infectious as Fire, Somebody and Love Without Reason – all defined by angular guitar, pulsating bass and Icelandic-born Rakel Mjoll's spiky, sloganeering vocals.

In a perfect world all bands would sound like Dream Wife, but it's encouraging at least that just one of

CRAIG DAVID

THE TIME IS NOW

IF Craig David is hoping to appeal to an audience hankering for nostalgia, he's hit the nail on the head.

The singer's seventh album, is a collection that strongly echoes dance, R&B and garage of the early

Noughties, but with a modern edge. From album opener Magic - which almost acts as a sequel to his mega-hit 7 Days with its list-style lyrics - through to party bangers Heartline, Brand New, I Know You (featuring Bastille) and Focus, David delivers through and through.

Bonus track Reload is the true standout, a gift to those who cut their musical teeth in the golden era of

THE SPOOK SCHOOL COULD IT BE DIFFERENT?

EDINBURGH quartet The Spook School lend an affirming, empathetic voice to

communities with which they associate closely, notably non-binary, trans and queer allies.

It begins with a monologue from comedian Josie Long, riffing on self-identity and raging against the government, before Still Alive targets an abusive ex, castigating the culprit and building to a chant of "F*** you, I'm still alive". Euphoric rather than gratuitous, the cry comes atop a rollicking punk-pop clatter comparable to prime Buzzcocks.

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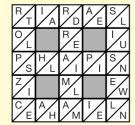
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Roald Dahl books



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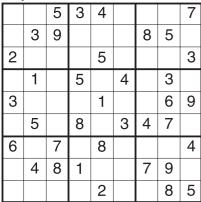
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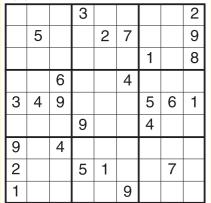
Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku, Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box

Easy



Hard



Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

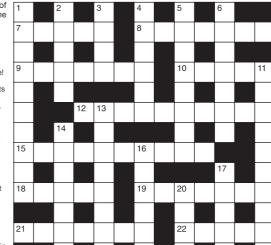
Cryptic

- 7. A certain amount of time with one nymph of paradise (5)
- 8. Bring something to life and give it a name, maybe (7)
- pioneer of Romanic origin (7)
- 10. Thoroughly scour brushwood country (5)
- 12. Counterfeit one side of a coin to make progress (5,5) 15. Telephone the chief
- organiser of the gang (10)
- 18. Make a record of western
- ceremony (5) 19 Communist vote will get the bird! (7)
- 21. One sailor the skipper's righthand man needs many more (7)
- 22. Pitched from one end to the other, we

Down

- Hitches a lift with sailors it's torture! (10)
- 2. A number of sheets required for those who sing together, we hear (5)
- 3. After the end of April, I make a swimming pool (4) 4. In position for a
- confrontation (6) form to
- emphasis (8) Provided transport
- changed (7) 11. Sleeping partners!
- (10) 13. They produce mineral resources in good condition in
- different soil (3,5)

 14. Consecrates, when no stain can be found (7)
- Introduce carbon dioxide back in wet areas! (6)
- 17 Flat piece of wood is drilled, by the sound of it (5)
- 20. Assignation in the orchard at eventide (4)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

- 7. Nymph of paradise (5)
- 8. Enliven (7)
- 9. Italian physicist (7) 10. Clean (5)
- 12. Increase speed
- 15. Chief rebel (10)
- 18. Compose (5)
- 19. Finch (7) 21. Sailor (7)

(5.5)

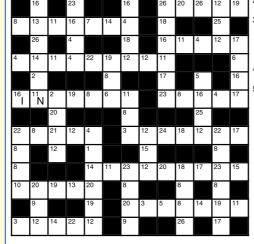
- 22. Cast (5)

Down

- 1. Instrument of torture (10)
- 2. Quantity of
- paper (5) 3. Recreational
- area (4) 4. Opposite (6)
- 5. Deform (8)
- 6. Bore (7)
- 11. Allies (10)
- 13. Fuel sources (3,5)
- 14. Oils (7)
- 16. Charge with gas (6)
- 17. Committee (5)
- 20. Fruit (4)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in 1. the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle

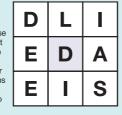


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Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate:

20 words - average; 30 words - good; 40 words - very good; 50 or more - excellent.

Quiz

What is the title of the eleventh and current album from Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant?

- What is the latitude of the equator? Which political party was formed in 1925 with the aim
- of achieving Welsh independence? What is the capital of Japan?
- Which Hungarian composer wrote The Merry Widow and The



Q1 - Robert Plant

Which precious metal has the symbol Pt? In which U.S. state is the city of Seattle?

> Which film actor and kung fu expert died in 1973 after making Enter the Dragon? What name is given to

animals and plants that live in the upper layers of fresh and salt water? What is the fruit of

minute or microscopic

the plant Citrus limon

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

The E.N.D., I Gotta Feeling, Monkey Business, Pump It, Don't Phunk with My Heart, My Humps, Rock That Body, Let's Get It Started, Elephunk, The Beginning, The Time (Dirty Bit), Shut Up, Where Is the Love?, Don't Lie, Just Can't Get Enough, Imma Be, Meet Me Halfway, Don't Stop the Party, Mas Que Nada, Hey Mama.

1. Robert Catesby; 2. The Isle of Wight; 3. Skiing; 4. Lenin; 5. Guernsey; 6. Pisa; 7. Ivan Lendl; 8. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; 9. Gypsy Rose Lee; 10. Sodium.

Sudoku

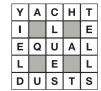
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Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 1 Standards: 8 Ace: 9 Secondclass; 11 Demerit; 12 Dried; 13 Scorch 15 Tongue; 17 Paste; 18 Tedious; 20 Nonetheless; 22 Ass; 23 Resolving. Down: 2 Tie; 3 Diner; 4 Recite; 5 Stand to: 6 Casting vote: 7 Head-dress: 10 Common sense; 11 Disappear 14 Cleaner: 16 Status: 19 Dwell: 21 Sin

Wordsquare PLUTONIUM

Split Decision



Codeword

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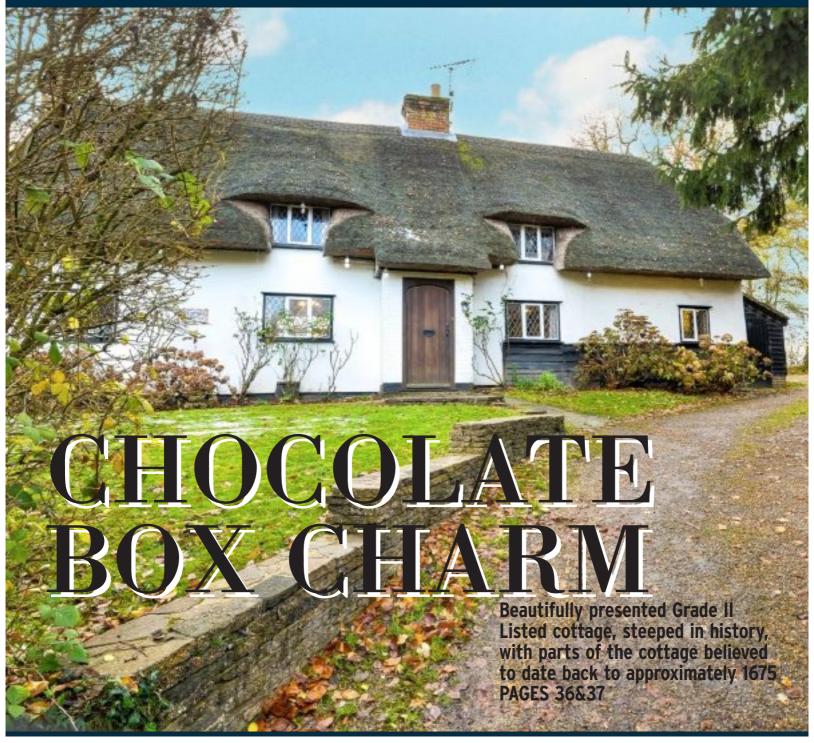
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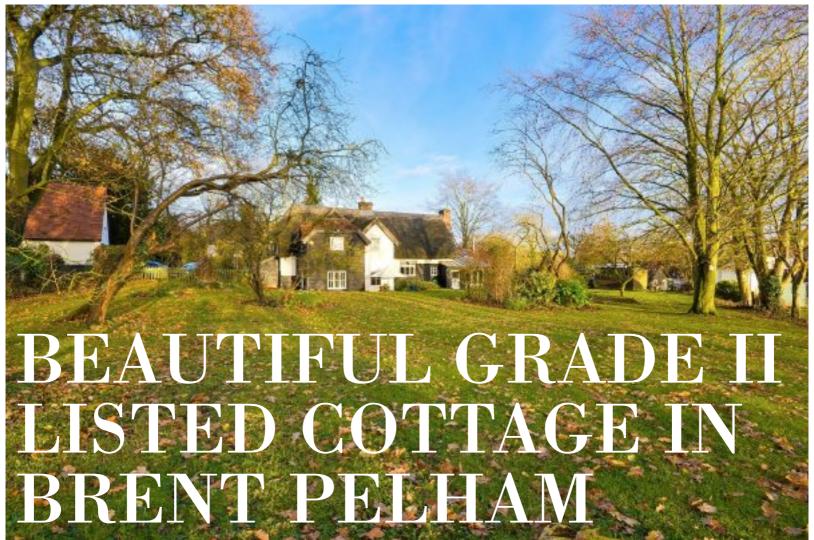
Five fabulous big design ideas to make the most of your small spaces

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HOT HOUSE

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historic cottage in a small village in East Hertfordshire has gone on the market for just over a million pounds. The Pump Hill Cottage, located in Brent Pelham, is a delightful thatched cottage dating back to around 1675 and is on the market with Fine and Country.

with Fine and Country.

While the cottage has been extended over the years it still retains many of its original features. Throughout the property are beautiful timbers and there is a wonderful brick fire place in the living room.

The house has four bedrooms, including a master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, as well as three double bedrooms.

There are also four reception rooms which can be used however the new owner wishes, whether that is for entertaining or as playrooms.

There is a private garden around the property, with views looking onto nearby fields along with a detached double garage.

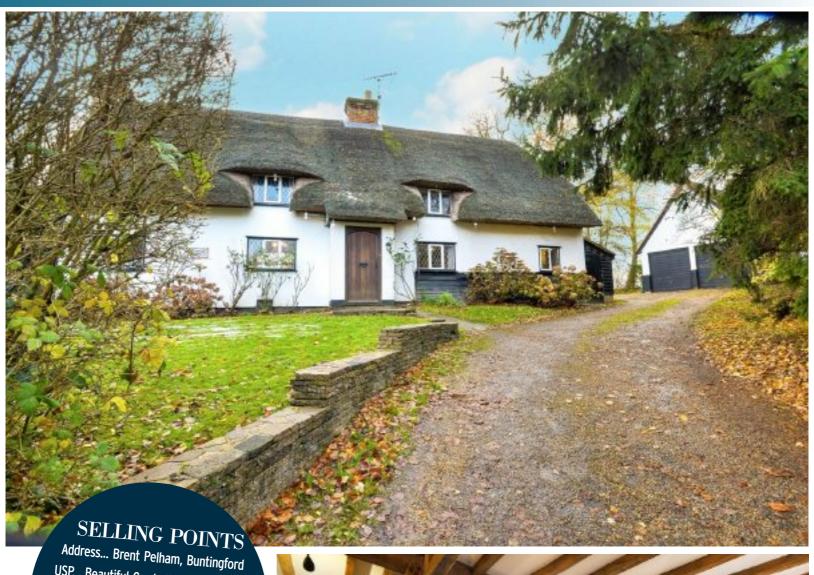
There is space for two vehicles to park there and a studio above the garage, complete with a bathroom and shower.

The house is located five miles east of Buntingford and around 11 miles from Bishop's Stortford with road and rail connections to London Liverpool Street and Cambridge.

Stansted Airport is also close to the property – providing a nearby location for a quick holiday getaway.

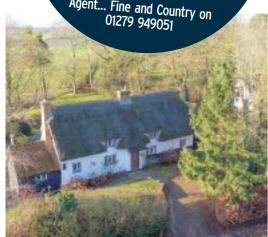
The house is currently on the market for £925,000. For more information or to book a viewing contact Fine and Country on 01279 949051 or visit their website at www.fineandcountry.com/uk/bishops-stortford

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USP... Beautiful Grade II listed cottage, part thatched, sympathetically extended, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, further three double bedrooms, four reception rooms

Price... £925,000 Agent... Fine and Country on 01279 949051





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YOUR HOME

Five fabulous ideas for flats



THINK INSIDE THE BOX(ES)

A mezzanine floor is a fantastic way to increase floor space in a flat with a high ceiling, like this 19th century former artist's studio.

But in the original incarnation of a raised sleep space, as you can see, the design wasn't especially inspiring.

For the couple who lived here, and were expecting a baby, it wasn't especially practical, either. Nor did it make as clever a use of space as architects James Davies

Nor did it make as clever a use o space as architects James Davies and John Weir of Paper House Project did after they'd got their hands on it.

Just check out the 'after' photo below for proof.

"The brief I gave to the architects was to create two bedrooms that were closed off from the rest of the house." says homeowner, Tom Scott.

"I also wanted to retain as much light as possible."

The result was the creation of these two 'floating boxes' with large windows and skylights, each one housing a bedroom.

A particularly clever space-saver is the staggered-step staircase.

"You get used to it very quickly," says Scott. We can run up and down it now!"

■ Images: Thomas West Property Services



Between them, the savvy solutions in these apartments boost space, max light, add aesthetic coherence - and more, says **KATE BURT**



on't let a smaller home limit your stylish living dreams.

These stunning spaces show how functional and beautiful even the smallest or trickiest of apartments can become. Be inspired, be very inspired...

■ Kate Burt is deputy editor at Houzz. Visit Houzz.co.uk for more design inspiration and home-improvement advice.





CREATE AESTHETIC CONTINUITY

There's no doubt that a white backdrop can really open up a space and - if you have enough natural light - it'll boost the effect (too little light and white risks looking sludgy).

There are no problems on that front in this bright mansion flat, redesigned by Sean Ronnie Hill of RISE Design Studio. But colour and texture are what will add warmth. It can be tricky, though, to incorporate different elements without visually cluttering up an open-plan living area, especially when it's the main space in a flat.

Take a tip from here by dividing up different zones - helping the room to feel more spacious and multi-functional - but connecting them by choosing materials to reuse, in the style of a motif, around the whole area.

Here, mirroring the floor in the kitchen, the same encaustic tiles are used in the living and dining areas of the apartment, creating eye-catching worktops for a built-in sideboard (seen in this photo) and also the top of a coffee table next to the sofa (out of shot).

■ Images: RISE Design Studio



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The star feature in this elegant sixth-floor, one-bedroom flat designed by Olga Alexeeva of Black & Milk Interior Design is so clever, you might miss it at first glance. Ironically, while refurbishing the entire flat top to bottom, it was one of the few

details she chose to keep from the original design. Spotted it yet? Yes, it's that full-wall mirror behind the sofa. "The builders covered it up to protect it during the work and this made us realise how much it actually helped the room, so we decided to keep it," she explains.

The mirrored wall then became the starting point for the whole style and arrangement of the apartment. The sofa is positioned against it, so no one sitting down looks into it. "You don't really notice it during day-to-day life, but it does a

great job of making the space feel bigger and brighter," says Olga.

■ Images: Black and Milk Interior Design, London



Before its renovation, this compact studio flat was not making great use of the available space. The original layout had been created in the 1970s and hadn't had an update since.

In this 'before' photo, above, you can see the front door in the background, the kitchen on the right, and the bathroom on the left behind the wardrobe. Behind the photographer, wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling windows overlook the street.

The transformation, masterminded by architect Emilie Melin, takes a deceptively simple idea...

..and executes it beautifully. It feels like a different flat, doesn't it? In this 'after' photo, below, you can see the new bedroom, enclosed at the front by a steel-framed glass door

The new sleeping area takes up part of what used to be the bathroom and steals a little floor space from what had previously been a fairly generously sized living room.

It was worth it to fit in a double bed, as well as integrated storage, shelving and a wardrobe (on the left of the photo).

The headboard also divides the sleeping area from the new.

■ Images: Emilie Melin Architecte DPLG





MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY NOOK There are so many smart ideas in this Victorian mansion flat, which was transformed by Jess Lavers of Jess Lavers Design from a onebedroom,

bathroom flat into a roomy pad with two bedrooms and two bathrooms.

To achieve this, Lavers started from scratch with the layout and didn't hold back on knocking down walls.

One of the bonus spaces she freed up was this area in the centre of the flat...

...No, not just a pleasant hallway with a

beautiful big window between the kitchen and bedrooms, but an airv and storage packed reading or davdreaming spot.

"I wanted to make a lovely cosy you could sit with a good book and a glass of wine to relax," Jess says.



In the top photo, you can see how a sliding pocket door has increased the available space, giving the cosy perch an uncluttered feel.

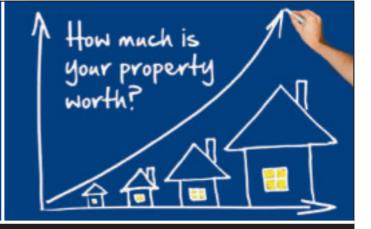
It's been softened up with throws and cushions that tie into the colour scheme elsewhere in the flat to further streamline

■ Image: Jess Lavers Design

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here are few TV ads that have sunk permanently into the nation's fabric, but the 1973 one for Hovis featuring a baker's boy struggling up a hill with his bike to deliver his loaves - has achieved it.

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Just the opening tune of Dvorak's New World Symphony played by a brass band is enough to get Brits young and old dusting off their best faux country accents.

The advert once beat other iconic TV commercials in a poll of the nation's most favourite, including famous ones for Ferrero Rocher, Milk Tray and Bisto.

The Hovis ad has been much parodied, including by The Two Ronnies in 1978 as well as more recently by Youtubers.



Despite its northern feel, the ad was filmed on Gold Hill, a steep street in the Dorset village of Shaftesbury, and was directed by a young talent who would go on to greater, more

'alien' projects - Ridley Scott.

The area is a favourite with TV and film companies, and other famous visitors have included the cast of Only Fools and Horses and, during the 1980s.

rock giants Big Country who filmed one of their music

videos in a nearby field. One of the houses featured in the Hovis advertisement is now for sale. Updown Cottage is a four-bedroom, oak-beamed property with two reception rooms, a separate snug and extraordinary views at the rear over the achingly beautiful Blackmore Valé.

It's for sale at £600,000 with the Salisbury branch of Hamptons International (01722 480142).

BRUCE THE PLACE

has enjoyed an extraordinary career plaving gun-toting tough guys with a sense of humour in a string of Hollywood blockbusters and TV shows.

But his taste in interior decoration isn't so menacing, as this Manhattan apartment reveals.

He and British wife Emma Heming have owned the property for several years and yet, surprisingly, it's more Moonlighting than Die Hard.

The 6,000 sq ft duplex features pared-back Mid-Century styling, high ceilings and stunning views of New York's Central Park.

Willis and his wife bought the apartment in 2015 for just shy of \$17m but are now reportedly selling up because they don't spend enough time there.

Instead, the couple prefer their large country estate in Bedford Hills which lies just 40 miles north of New



Willis first met his model wife, who bears a close resemblance to his first spouse, Demi Moore, at a gym in Los Angeles during

the early Noughties.

The couple fell madly in love after just one date and got married in 2009 at Willis' beachside home in

the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The apartment, at 271 Central Park - one of Manhattan's finest





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t's not clear what persuaded EuroMillions winners Dave and Angela Dawes to buy this beautiful manor house.

Perhaps it was the property's historic features, 56-acres of grounds, or just because, after winning £101m nearly seven years ago, they could.

Their new home in Sussex is a Grade II listed manor house dating back to the 16th century and was once owned by 1960s pop stars Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck.

It features leaded



The manor's interior

ctress Tara

illustrious stage, film

plaudits for her work,

she is best known to

many people as Selyse Baratheon, Lady of

Dragonstone, in Game

of Thrones. Away from the HBO

TV series, she is

celebrated for her

Fiennes and Gillian

Off, and TV work

Anderson; starring parts in films such as Brassed

including The Camomile

I awn and her role as Dr

Eve Lockhart in BBC TV

drama Waking the Dead.

and TV career but

despite multiple

Fitzgerald has enioved an



floorboards, exposed timbers, wood panelling and several fireplaces.

It has six bedrooms, a large lounge, study, dining room and family area, a games room, cinema and

party zone.

Outside it features separate staff accommodation, a large stable block, a barn for car parking, a swimming pool and

spa, floodlit tennis court and lake with boathouse. The couple - who also own a £9m luxury

home in Weybridge, Surrey and a £3.5m apartment in Chelsea Harbour, central London near

to Dave's favourite football club - are reported to have paid £4m for the property. It had been on the market since 2016 for £4.75m.



THE antics of today's celebrities occasionally shock the nation, but for many decades actress Diana Dors took it to a whole different level.

Born in 1931, she faked her age to gain entry to an acting school in London and by age 18 was making bit-part appearances in films.

Her fame came chiefly from two sources - her reputation as the English Marylyn Monroe and an outrageous personal life



Her marital antics quickly became a cottage industry for many tabloid newspapers, although her acting career was more serious. It included two spells working in Hollywood, and appearances alongside Joan Collins and Rod Steiger and work on two Alfred Hitchcock TV series. She also had her own ITV show, headlined in Las Vegas, became a regular on British game and chat shows and for a while was a TV fitness and dieting guru.

She also liked her houses to be luxurious and, as well as a country manor house, her former home on Burnsall Street in London's Chelsea is no exception. The terraced property, which is due to have a blue plaque added to it on February 11 in memory of her

career, is now for sale. A double-fronted. four-bedroom house recently extended at the rear, just off the King's Road, it includes a basement gym and is for sale at £2.85m with agent John D Wood (020 7352 1484).



stage, film and other Despite her global TV work since breaking fame, the 50-year-old through in the early has for some time lived 1990s. This includes in a modest house in the roles on stage alongside suburbs of west London. Peter O'Toole, Ralph

Or at least she used to. Tara has just sold the property for £1.75m, £145,000 less than she had hoped to get for it.

It has four bedrooms, two reception rooms. three bathrooms, a large drive plus a long and

wide rear garden, at the end of which is a substantial outbuilding.

"There is a real serenity to this place," says Tara. "The flow of the house means it is somewhere that people feel comfortable from the moment they cross the threshold, and it has the charm of a country dwelling in the midst of the city."

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CLIMBERS

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Use vertical space where available - this can be a trellis on a wall or by creating a small bamboo wigwam - and grow climbers such as runner, broad and French beans and peas.

These crops are among the best to grow yourself as they taste so much better eaten straight after picking.

Broad beans are hardy and can

be planted in autumn or spring but French and runner are halfhardy so can only be planted outdoors after the



final frosts of May.

Choose dwarf cultivars in smaller spaces such as 'Hestia' and 'Pickwick' runner beans and 'Purple Queen' French beans - these can manage without any support at all.

Utilise any leftover spaces by tucking in some smaller crops.

Also known as intercropping, this could involve a few radishes, which is one of the quickest seeds-to-harvest veg there is, a couple of beetroot ('Boltardy' is your reliable choice here) and a handful of spring onions (I'd go for 'White Lisbon').

Vegging out for summer

However small your plot, there's a crop to help put great food on your plate this year

lossy packets of vegetable seeds are beginning to appear in our supermarkets and garden centres – an A to Z of produce with enticing pictures on the front and growing guides on the back.

growing guides on the back.

With so much choice, whether in shops, catalogues or online, it can be hard to decide which crop is best for you.

For many people, outdoor space is limited, sometimes confined to a small courtyard or balcony area. Plus, there are competing demands on that space for relaxation or dining, with an outdoor table and chairs, or for growing ornamental plants.

So realistically, unless you have a large plot or space in an allotment, you should consider growing crops that you like to eat, won't take up a huge amount of room, are easy to cultivate, and will give a good yield.

Here's my guide...



CUT AND COME AGAIN CROPS

Any of the cut and come again crops are invaluable - you just pick a few leaves as you require and the plant will keep growing.

These include lettuce, mustard, kale chard and spinach, and they are often sold together in seed

packets as mixed salad leaves As you are not letting the plant mature, you can grow them tightly together.

Regularly picking will exhaust the plant so retain some seed that you can sow again when the crop is finished.

If you prefer a whole head of lettuce try smaller varieties of butterhead and cos such as 'Tom Thumb' and 'Little Gem'

Dwarf green curled kale is a compact crop which you sow from April onwards



greens in the depths of winter. Keep it simple and avoid crops that need trenches such as celery and asparagus or earthing up such as

and asparagus or earthing up such

Sprawling pumpkins and squashes and larger crops such as Brussels sprouts aren't generally suitable for smaller areas.

WINDOW HERBS

If you've no outdoor space at all, a windowsill is also a growing space and it's the perfect spot to grow herbs - and in easy reach for when you're cooking

when you're cooking. Basil, chives and parsley seeds can all be started indoors from now until early April, and when the soil eventually warms up you can sow seeds of chervil and

coriander directly into soil outdoors from March onwards. Pots of herbs can also look great by being arranged on small ladders leant against a wall.

Where space is very limited you might



feel that you simply don't have room for seed propagation.

If this is the case you can buy many of the plants mentioned here as seedlings in garden centres during spring and take it from there!

Make sure greenhouses are gleaming



- Get your greenhouse ready for the growing season. Wash windows inside and out to maximise light levels. Tidy up and wash out seed trays and nots
- Hardy gardeners can use the quiet time to spread mulch and compost on the beds.
- In the fruit garden, net fruit trees and bushes if possible to

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

prevent birds eating blossom buds. Finish pruning apple and pear trees and you can also prune gooseberry, redcurrant and blackcurrant bushes.

- If you've left ornamental grasses alone over winter, it's time to cut them back now ahead of new growth.
- Many of the berries are now gone, so hang a fat ball or bird feeder to keep birds going through the lean months before
- Have you got bare walls in winter? Would they benefit from a winter flowering climber such as Clematis cirrhosa?
- Start chitting your early potatoes now.



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HANGING BASKETS

Hanging baskets are a great way of maximizing your growing space, particularly on balconies.

You could be harvesting pounds of cherry tomatoes later this summer. 'Hundreds and Thousands', 'Tumbler' and 'Tumbling Tom Red' are all bush varieties which don't require support or side shoots removed – they will happily cascade down from a basket or container.

Sow indoors in March and April for outdoor planting in May.



POTATOES

Potatoes can be grown in containers or grow bags, even on a balcony. You buy them as small tubers, not seeds, and one or two of these will give a great yield.

However, for small spaces I would recommend only growing early potatoes - these are quicker to mature and you avoid the problem of blight that can occur with main crop varieties.

In addition, when your harvest is

Way to grow: Spuds can flourish in bags

finished in June and July, you get your space back. Good varieties are 'Orla', 'Nicola' and 'Colleen'.

ASK DIARMUID

QHi Diarmuid. Recently you answered a reader's question about pear rust.

My pear tree had a very bad case of this two years ago. I read somewhere – I thought in your column – that bicarbonate of soda helps get rid of the problem.

I tried it last year - a couple of spoons of bicarb in a spray and soaked the tree.

l also made sure I destroyed the diseased leaves. This year my tree was perfectly healthy. All the best.

John Read

A Hi John. That's great feedback - as more chemical gardening sprays are withdrawn from the market we need to look towards homemade solutions.

Yes, I have recommended bicarbonate of soda as a

remedy for leaf blight, powdery mildew and as a

general fungicide. Here's my recipe again for handy reference: 43

Mix one tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda with two and a half tablespoons of vegetable oil and a gallon of water. Shake up and add half a teaspoon of vegetable-based soap and spray.

The mix may separate when in the sprayer so keep the contraption moving. Repeat once a week if necessary.

Thanks for getting in touch, Diarmuid.



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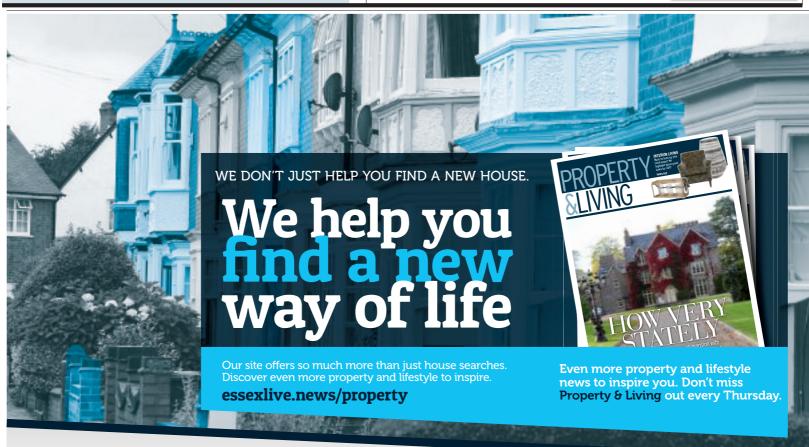
This little winter jewel hails from North Africa and thrives in sunny poor soil - the base of a south-facing stone wall is ideal.

They can take a few years to establish into clumps so patience is required.

Although they are hardy, their blossoms can shrivel in frost so your best bet is to cut the flowers as they emerge and bring them indoors – then you can admire their beautiful petals and enjoy the sweet scent.

Annual maintenance is minimal – just a tidy up trim of dead foliage is required. 'Mary Barnard' is my favourite cultivar with intense purple petals.









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- £335,000
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 En-Suite to Master

Gas Central Heating

Highly Sought After Area

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Double Glazing

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- Viewina



- Extended Family



- Modern Kitcher Breakfast Room
- Lounge 13'7 x 11'4

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- Gas Central Heating
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- Diner
 En-Suite to Master
- Garden

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 Two Receptions
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 Driveyary

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 Cul-De-Sac Location

 Chain Free

 Semi Detached

 Popular Location

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- Un-Overlooked Garder

 Popular Location
 Semi Detached
 Two Reception Rooms
 Ground Floor WC
 EPC Rating: TBC



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- Two ReceptionsKitchen/Brkfst Room
- Kirchen/Brktst Room
 Garage & Drive
 Detached Home
 Long Gardens
 Cul-De-Sac Location
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- Chain Free Detached Home
 Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
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- Two ReceptionsEn-Suite Bathroom
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- Street

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- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- CHAIN FREE
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- Conservatory To Rear
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TEST DRIVE: Ford Edge ST-Line 2.0 TDCi Automatic review by David Ward



he last time Ford in the UK tried to bring in a big Sports Utility Vehicle in the shape of the totally USA designed and truck-based built Explorer it not unsurprisingly failed to win over too many motorists and was eventually dropped because in reality it was totally unsuited to European roads and driving modes.

Ford is now back into this ever growing SUV sector with this time exactly the right kind of model in the shape of the Edge which although based on the current successful selling USA version it has been suitable 'Europeanised' and will appeal so much more to punters looking for a blue badged off-roader slightly bigger than the their current Kuga series.

Based on the present Mondeo/S-MAX

Based on the present Mondeo/S-MAX platform this new Edge not only looks the business but clearly achieves the kind of driving behaviour and SUV make up in terms of styling with absolutely bags of interior cabin space that motorists here demand.

With prices starting at a competitively £30,650 there are currently just a choice of two turbocharged diesel engines on offer – a 177bhp or a twin turbocharged 207bhp – along with a choice of three trim levels – Edge Titanium, ST-Line and Vignola – and all with four wheal drive as standard.

all with four-wheel-drive as standard.
Competition grows in this sector and the Edge is up against some formidable rivals such as the Renault Kadjar, Honda CR-V, Kia Sorento, BMW X3 to mention a few but first impression, whilst test driving here the mid range ST-Line, it more than merit's a serious consideration for motorists looking at this

sector. In a nutshell this Edge comes up trumps in many ways because for a family it's exceptionally comfortable, really spacious inside and accommodates five full-sized adults in excellent lumbar supporting seats while for the driver it has good handling characteristics and for a big bodied car so easy to drive.

Opt for the slightly more powerful of the two diesel engines because it does give that bit extra in pulling power and overall performance which does count when fully loaded with five adults on board.

There's no seven-seater option available on the Edge – Ford say buyers needing extra seats will go for the S-MAX model – and that means as a five-seater there's bags more head and leg room, front and rear, which is really a big bonus and it has about the best amount of luggage space.

With the rear seats in use the boot has 612 litres on offer but folding them down – that's easy enough too with a pair of electric buttons in the boot doing the job – the luggage space zooms up to a remarkable 1,847 litres.

Impressive too is that even the entry-level models come like the rest of the Edge range loaded with an impressive list of standard safety kit on board such as road sign recognition, adaptive cruise control and lighting, intelligent speed assist and cross traffic alert.

The interior itself is fairly Ford-like as one would expect with lots of soft-touch trim and surround and the dashboard is like the S-MAX with a curved shaped console along with easy to use digital instruments and controls

The eight-inch touch screen again is simple to use and all nice and bright, clear to spot individual commands and drivers opting for the ST-Line models will also get a better Sony navigation and sound system.

The ST-Line models also have an extremely efficient six-speed dual clutch automatic gearbox as standard and this is refined, quick to move up and down the automatic gears when needed making it a pleasant and easy big car to drive.

The ST-Line also provides with its sportier

The ST-Line also provides with its sportier suspension set up and much nicer, firmer ride together with sharper handling and has Ford's intelligent 4WD only diverting the torque to the rear wheels when conditions underfoot become bad with snow, ice and mud. This bigger output engine is smooth and with the variable ratio steering on board makes it really stable at high motorway speeds and generally too with the recent gale force winds across the country recently when the car was tested.

Across the whole range Ford has fitted as standard what they call an active noise control system from the Mondeo Vignale that does cut out quite noticeably road noise and the usual diesel engine clatter when initially starting up.

initially starting up.
All this in turn makes for a much quieter ride inside the cabin for both driver and passengers making this Edge in ST-Line at least a most refined and comfortable long distance cruiser.

In terms of looks the sportier ST-Line has a few distinct differences than the entrylevel models and which include sports bumpers front and rear and it sits on the bigger 20-inch alloy wheels and has a better ground clearance too, making for quite steady and comfortable off-road driving as encountered over rough farmland on test. Incidentally these model come with a space saver spare wheel as standard.

The ST-Line automatic tested is obviously at £40,595 dearer than the Titanium versions but well worth the extra in my view with the only niggle being that Ford charges an optional extra of £1,075 for the LED adaptive headlights with most rivals including that as standard on the equivalent rival models.

The other optional extras included on the test car, such as special Lux pack (£1,275) that provides heated rear seats and a panoramic roof with sunshades amongst others is well worth the extra outlay but it did push the final on-the-road price to £46,000.

There again it's down to individual Edge buyers to decide how much they spend and it has to be said even the entry-level model with its six-speed manual gearbox at £30,650 represents good value for the money.



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TEST DRIVE: Nissan X-Trail Tekna dCi 130 4WD BY Ian Donaldson

FRESH NEW X-TRA

alk all you like about how a car looks but for lots of people how it fits in to family life is more important. Space wins over style, you might say.

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So the refreshed X-Trail from Nissan - the world's best selling SUV - might grab some headlines with its fresh new face, complete with new lights and bumpers, added flashes of chrome and a touch of gloss black.

Inside, there's a flat bottomed steering wheel with a thicker rim, jointly adding - Nissan hopes - a sporty feel and safer grip.

But after the glow of new ownership has faded it will be the more practical side of the X-Trail that fosters longer term likeability.

So a cabin that is simply huge, front and rear, will mean fewer fights for the best seat from the kids and a boot, now 15 litres bigger than before (at 565 litres or a vast 1,996 litres with seats folded) on cars fitted with two rows of seats.

Piling on the practicality for families with lots of youngsters, there is a £1,000 option (£660 on top Tekna trim) of a pair of third row seats, with space for larger

children or smaller adults. How practical is that. Also

high on the practicality monitor is a diesel engine that provides enough pull to keep this big car flowing nicely along a typical British road and show 46mpg on the trip computer after more

than 400 miles of brisk

workouts.
The 1.6-litre engine is much the most popular of a trio of power units offered in the latest X-Trail, which also takes in a more potent 177bhp diesel and a 163bhp 1.6-litre petrol.

You'd never call its gruff engine note particularly cultured but it fades into the background once cruising speed is reached. A crisply changing gearbox helps things along and this tall, heavy car doesn't mind corners, although you just know it's not up for playing sporty.

The X-Trail would much rather you settled back and enjoyed all the goodies that come with the range topping Tekna version - which takes approaching half of all sales and shows that we UK buyers like our SUVs dripping with kit.

Heated seats front and rear are now standard on the top Tekna grade and there's the option of tan leather (a rather smart orangey look) to relieve the blackness of the standard X-Trail cabin.

Tekna owners now enjoy an eight speaker Bose sound system (on five-seat versions) while every X-Trail



has DAB radio as standard for the first time.

You'd need a book to detail all the goodies that come with Tekna trim, but highlights include a powered tailgate that can be opened with a kick of a foot under the rear bumper, a big glass sunroof, cameras with an all-round view of the car and safety equipment that stretches to alerting you if something is approaching as you reverse out of a parking space.

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WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Mazda CX-5 2.2 Sport Nav AWD by Jon Smith



he initials SUV have become a synonym for family car these days.

Surging popularity in fivedoor high-riders have meant they are a golden ticket for manufacturers – a must-have in most car ranges.

But some Sports Utility Vehicles happen to be a considerably more sporty than others. One of the best examples is the Mazda CX-5, recently rejuvenated and freshened with more upmarket cabin and exterior styling.

styling.
Flagship of the Japanese
marque's line-up, the new
look model with sleeker
headlights and more defined
grille has turned the fiveyear-old design into a real
head-turner.

Beneath the bonnet of the CX-5 AWD Sport Nav, top model in the range, is a 2.2-litre four-pot diesel that knocks out a reasonable 173bhp.

With decent aerodynamics and pared down weight it puts up a good performance compared with most rivals – 62mph comes up in under nine seconds and it tops out at 129mph.

But better than the statistics is the calm, refined way in which the Mazda delivers the goods.

Engine noise is remarkably well suppressed. It's only at

idle that you detect a touch of the inevitable diesel clatter – the rest of the time only the immediate surge of power reminds you this is an oilburner. Another quality that boosts the sporting credentials of the latest CX-5

is its handling and

roadhlding.
With well-damped suspension which suppressed roll angles, it can weave quickly through curves and cope better than most crossovers with

directional changes.

The body remains taut and responsive and the steering, though a trifle numb is quick enough to encourage swift, safe manoeuvres.

This athleticism is accompanied by a

comfortable ride that irons out the majority of road imperfections. Only at slow speed over knobbly surfaces is the general composure upset slightly.

The standard six-speed manual gearbox is light and swift, and a pleasure to use. Despite the punchy performance, the CX-5 is pleasantly frugal. Most owners will easily squeeze 40-plus miles out of a gallon and my own average was 42.5mpg.

A good SUV has

A good SUV has to be practical as well as fun to drive and the Mazda manages to deliver well in this area. There are loads of bottle-holders, cubbies and storage places within the newly refashioned cabin which is much classier and easier to live in than the precious model.

Materials used for the facia and the interior in general are of noticeably better quality than previously and add a definite air of occasion for passengers and driver alike. The boot remains the same size as its predecessor with 506 litres of space which is around average for the class. The three-way split rear seat flip down easily to expand cargo area.

A generous spec for the Sport Nav model includes seven inch touch screen, sat nav, climate control, headup display, Bluetooth and DAB radio.

Mazda, always proud of its in-built driver appeal and heritage, has managed to separate and lift the latest CX-5 above some of their obvious SUV rivals by underlining its sporty character and improving refinement.



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TEST DRIVE: Ferrari 488 GTB BY Robin Roberts



he 488 GTB is the baby in the Ferrari family which can trace its DNA to 1975 when its forerunner replaced the charismatic Dino, and a lot has happened over four decades.

The engine is taken from the Ferrari California and tuned for the 488 GTB so it's a good and gutsy pedigree with twin-turbos to give it strong punch from standstill, through the intermediate gears on to the legal limit, and almost twice as fast again.

Being a Ferrari, you never get an ordinary gearbox but a seven-speed transmission and driver selectable modes working in conjunction with the engine's software to give normal, sport or track settings.

Select at will and hang on once you turn the button out of normal as the engine and transmission software sharpen the throttle and gearchange responses and the car's character dramatically changes. It even has a track-use launch control for the ultimate getaway experience.

It produces a different exhaust note as well so you not only feel the different modes at work but you hear them in real-time and not through some induced

artificial audio track as in

other supercars. You have familiar paddles to move up or down the sequential box if you want to play at being a racing driver, but there really seemed little advantage to be gained over letting the highly sophisticated transmission do the thinking for you while you left a bit more of your brain to sayour the experience of steering it through a series of sweeping curves, admire its turn-in, grip and roadholding, and all the time with that wonderful backing track filling your

They are big wheels and tyres so it can feel heavy when parking and you are aware it needs a good bit of room to turn around.

On main and country roads the steering did produce a constant twitchiness as the tyres coped with worn surfaces beneath and this resulted in a steady twitching of the steering wheel in the hands which was tiresome on long journeys.

At speed the steering gave good feedback and felt very positive without being too heavy while the front wishbone and rear multi-link suspension kept it all firmly planted to the road.

Underfoot are big brakes

and their stopping power was immense and also impressive with its progressive feel once the driver attuned to their natural sharpness and confidence inspiring ability.

The secondary controls generally were well laid out and close to hand but I struggled to fathom out the use of spoke-buttons for indicators as you can find yourself arms crossed on a roundabout and needing to indicate before exiting but then find the button is on the opposite side to where you expect.

While on peculiarities of the GTB, the price tag of close to £184,000 does not include a self-dipping mirror but it's an old fashioned

manually dipped one. The other switches for headlights and wipers were also on the steering wheel spokes.

Instruments were comparatively straightforward, large and very well marked for engine and road speed, fuel and temperatures and altering the driving mode button changes the display as well to highlight important aspects. It did seem complicated at first but I suppose a driver can precisely tailor what they want to see at any time.

The infotainment system is an easy to use and effective display with wifi connectivity, phone integration and personal

Oddments space is not great inside because all the places to put things are small and I suspect most items would be pushed behind the two seats or into the front boot, which is reasonable for a couple of weekend bags

but little else.
Access to the boot, the engine and the cabin is good and inside the room is reasonable for all but the tallest occupants with seats which are not generously padded but surprisingly comfortable nevertheless Their adjustment is simple and the shape securely holds

You sit low in the Ferrari 488 GTB and the rising rear wings and high tail limit what you can see but side and forward sightlines are good, the wipers clear a lot of the windscreen and the lights are long and wide in beam.

You have to be careful emerging from side roads with the windscreen pillar and big mirror housings combining to create a noticeable blindspot, however.

Noise levels are not high when driving normally. Ťhey rise as the engine takes deeper breaths and you can play with the dynamic settings to introduce more crackle and roar as desired.

but wind and road noise

were muted by comparison. It is the performance and the way the Ferrari 488GTB gets going which most impresses. The engineers have done a brilliant job to reduce turbo lag to virtually nothing, but it still pours out power mid range and keeps giving well in excess of normal road speed limits.

The gearchanges match the flow to give a seamless experience without any harsh changes but just another kick in the backside as acceleration rapidly builds, accompanied by a rising exhaust note.

The stability of the 488GTB comes from the suspension but also the way the designers have made the air flow over and around the aluminium lightweight body and tub with careful ducting to cool the engine and keep the tail firmly down helped by a nose design and undertray which come from sports car racing and literally suck it onto the tarmac.

Its simple flowing bodywork is not only pleasing on the eye but thoroughly practical in effect.

The 488 GTB is not faultless, but Ferrari's bambino has matured into one of the finest supercars vou can buy.



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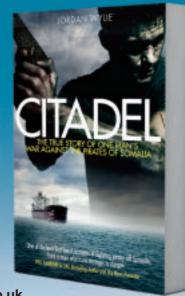


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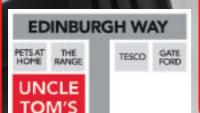
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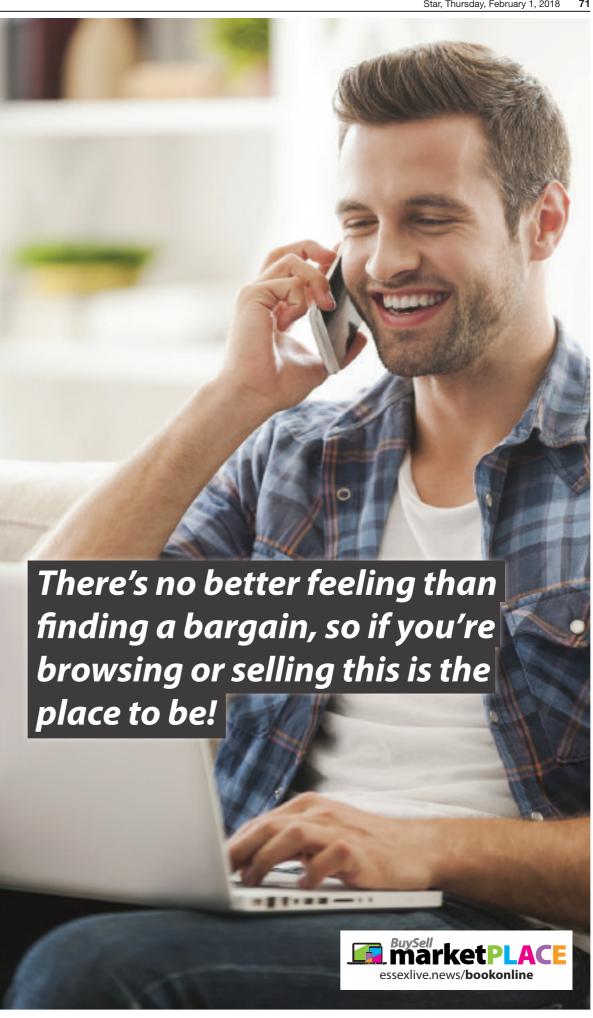
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The proposal may affect the setting of Fawbert & Barnards School which is a Grade II Listed Building.

The proposed development may not accord with the provision of the Adopted Replacement Harlow Local Plan adopted July 2006 in force in the area which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application and other documents submitted with it online at www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning or at Essex County Council at the below address (please call for an appointment on 03330 139808).

Consultation on this application is open until 22 February 2018. Representations or objections in respect of this application can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning; via email to mineralsandwastedm@essex.gov.uk; or in writing to the undersigned by 22 February 2018. Please include your name and full postal address. Any representations or objections received will be taken into account by the Council with the result that they may be made available to the public.

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Dated: 1 February 2018

Graham Thomas, Head of Planning Service, Essex County Council, Minerals & Waste Planning, Economy, Localities & Public Health, E3 County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

(Footpath 162, Harlow) (Temporary Prohibition of Use) Order 2018

Further to a notice under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which commenced on 25 January 2018 Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: to temporarily close that length of Footpath 162 in the District of Harlow, from its junction with Footpath 163, Harlow north to its junction with Footpath 161, Harlow.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 30 January 2018 for 6 months or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting, and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while construction works for the creation of a 'trim trail' is undertaken. The works to the footpath route were set out within the outline planning permission ref. HW/PL/04/00302 and consents refs. HW/PL/13/00098 and HW/PL/13/00100.

An alternative route will be available via Footpath 163 and

The Order will come into effect on 30 January 2018 and may continue in force for 6 months, or until the works are finished, whichever is the earlier.
Essex County Council, Network Assurance, A2 Annexe, Seax

House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH. Telephone: 0345 603 7631 Website: www.essex.gov.uk/highways

(Hamlet Hill, Roydon) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Hamlet Hill, Roydon in the District of Epping Forest, from its junction with Reeves Lane for a distance of approximately 95m in a westerly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 5th February 2018 for 2 days, or where stated on a valid permit (MX044280633600 – Affinity Water). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while water main works are undertaken by Affinity Water.

An alternative route is available via Tylers Road, Epping Road Roundabout, Water Lane, Southern Way, Katherine's Way, Third Avenue, Velizy Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Edinburgh Way, A414 Between Northern Town Boundary And Burnt Mill Roundabout, Eastwick Road, A414 Ware Road Pepper Hill Roundabout, Amwell Link Road, A10 Amwell Link Roundabout, Hoddesdon Bypass S/b Entry Slip Amwell I/c, A10 Broxbourne Boundary To A414 Rush Green Roundabout, A10 Hoddesdon Link Road To East Herts Boundary, A10 Hoddesdon Link Southbound Offslip, Hoddesdon Link Road Amwell Street, Dinant Link Road, Essex Road, Dobbs Weir Road, Sedge Green, Hamlet Hill and vice versa.

The Order came into effect on 25th January 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Various Roads, Harlow District) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) (Streetworks No.2) Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the District of Harlow as specified in the schedule to this order

The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 8th February 2018 exact dates will be specified on http://roadworks.org/. Access will be maintained for emergency

The Closures are required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst works to safely install Temporary Traffic Management, removal and installation of white lining, resurfacing and carriageway

For all enquiries please contact Essex County Council. The Order will come into effect on 8th February 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Schedule

Edinburgh Way, From its roundabout with A414, Harlow Harlow and A1184 Cambridge Road, Harlow to its roundabout with Central Road, Harlow

Extents

and River Way, Harlow a distance of approximately 840m.

From its roundabout with A414 Edinburgh Way, Harlow and A1184 A414. Harlow Cambridge Road, Harlow to its roundabout with First Avenue.

Harlow a distance of approximately 990m. Station Approach, Full length of its USRN.

Road Name

A1184 Cambridge From its roundabout Road, Harlow with A414, Harlow and A414 Edinburgh Way. Harlow to the boundary of Essex and Hertfordshire a distance

Station Road,

From its roundabout with A414 Edinburgh Way, Harlow, A1184 Cambridge Road, Harlow and A414, Harlow for a distance of approximately 70m in an easterly direction

of approximately 770m.

Diversion

A414 Edinburgh Way, A1019 Fifth Avenue, A1019 Velizy Avenue, A1025 Second Avenue, A414 and vice versa.

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No Diversion Available.

A1184 Harlow Road, London Road, Cambridge Road, London Road, St James Way, Bishops Park Way, Bishops Stortford Bypass, M11, Hastingwood Roundabout, A414 and vice versa.

Station Road, London Road, First Avenue, A414 and vice versa.





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Town and Country Planning (Development Plans and Consultation) Directions 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received by Harlow District Council. These applications and others received can be inspected online at www.harlow.gov.uk or at Harlow Council Planning Services, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG on Monday-Friday, 9am - 4.45pm, If you are unable to view the plans during these times, please telephone Planning Services on 01279 446856 where a suitable appointment can be made with the relevant case officer.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice. HW/FUL/18/00012

Application No Application Type Location Proposal

Unit F3. River Way, Harlow, Essex

Listed Building Consent

Proposed new industrial/warehouse building and parking area. Reason for Advert Affects Setting of Conservation Area HW/LBC/18/00021 Ward: Old Harlow

Application No Application Type Proposal

Reason for Advert

30 Mulberry Green, Harlow, Essex CM17 0ET Erection of Harlow Civic Society blue plaque to commemorate Douglas Hayter. Listed Building in a Conservation Area

Ward: Mark Hall

Ward: Old Harlow

HW/FUL/17/00583 **Application No** Application Type Full Application Location

The proposed development seeks permission to amend the main employment avenue of the existing London Road North LDO. The proposal also seeks to apply for permission to change the land-use on Zone C of the London Road North LDO from a Class 3 primary sub-station to Class B1 commercial office car parking by relocating the sub-station locations application seeks permission to amend the route for a proposed shared cycle and pedestrian link in the London Road North LDO and provide the facility elsewhere on the site. Major Development

Reason for Advert Application No Application Type Location

HW/TP/18/10005 Ward: Old Harlow Works To Trees in a Conservation Area Hillsborough House, 9 Churchgate Street Harlow, Essex

T1 - beech to side of property - prune back overhang to clear gutter. T2 - 5 x beech to side of property - reduce height 4 metres and spread by 2 metres. T3 - oak - remove deadwood. T4 - Ash - Remove 1 Branch. T5 beech in neighbouring property - reduce spread over garden to clear conservatory, T6 sycamore - prune back overhanging foliage. Tree Works within a Conservation Area

Application No **Application Type** Location

Reason for Advert

Proposal Reason for Advert Application Type

HW/HSE/18/00033 Ward: Old Harlow Householder Application 105 Sheering Road, Harlow, Essex CM17 0JW Two-storey side extension. Affects the Setting of a Listed Building

HW/TP/18 /10006 Ward: Mark Hall Works To Trees in a Conservation Area 59 The Chantry, Harlow, Essex CM20 2LZ Acer and cherry tree to be cut back and Harlow

Reason for Advert Tree Works within a

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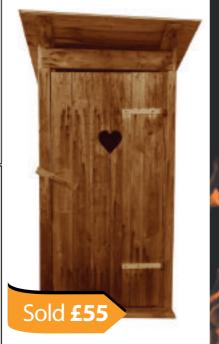


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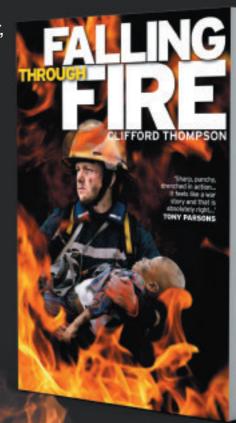






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Chapman: We've got to prepare for relegation battle

HAWKS manager Danny Chapman says the players have got to get out of the mentality of moving to mid-table safety and face the fact that they are in a

relegation dog fight. A late thunderbolt from Kingstonian's Andre McCollin inflicted defeat a 1-0 defeat on Harlow Town on Saturday, who had to play for over an hour with

Their plight was then made worse on Tuesday night as they suffered at 2-1 defeat at home to

mid-table Merstham.
That loss leaves Harlow two points above Tooting and level on points with Worthing. It was goalless until the 73rd

minute when substitute Reece Hall gave the Moatsiders the

But just four minutes later, Charlie Edwards equalised for the Hawks, only for the visitors to win it in time added on through Charlie Penny. On Saturday, Hawks' captain

Craig Pope was dismissed on 26 minutes when he saw a straight red card for a tug back on McCollin who was through on

Despite a spirited performance from the hosts, McCollin dashed hopes of salvaging a point when he smashed home a long-rang of normal time remaining.

"I thought we were excellent and had the better opportunities but didn't take them," Chapman said after the match.

"We've been done by a wonder strike and it's hard for the players to take because they have

worked so hard.
"I felt we deserved at least a



point. They are all must-win games for us now and we've got to get out of that mentality of moving up to mid table.

"We are in a relegation dog fight and you can't get away from that." McCollin was a thorn in the

side of the Harlow defence all game, and from his attack the Hawks were reduced to ten men.
McCollin's pace took him

beyond defence, and when Pope pulled him back by the shoulder the referee had no choice but to brandish a red card.

Cronin gets silver medal

PUPILS from Saint Nicholas School in Harlow have enjoyed success in the national Independent Schools Association

swimming finals held at the London Aquatic Centre. Eight pupils qualified from the regional competition in Ipswich last October, and in a bid to give the swimmers a taste of what the big competition would be like, they prepared both physically and mentally with a trip to the London 2012 Olympic venue the week before the event.

All pupils are regular club swimmers and trained hard for their events.

their events. Year 10 pupil Ellie Cronin won silver in the 50m backstroke, clocking a time of 1min 13.38sec - just one second behind the

There was a bronze medal for Year 8 student Ethan Ryan in the 50m breaststroke (42.12), while Claudia King (Year 9) finished fourth in the 100m freestyle with a time of 1:10.48 Lucy Le Huquet (Year 7) was

fourth in the 50m freestyle, just 0.40sec from bronze, and Lucy Le Huquet (Year 7) was sixth in the 50m breaststroke. There was also a sixth place

finish for Year 11 student Henry Morgan in the 100m breaststroke, while Year 4 pupils Charlie German and Rebecca Parsons, along with and Lucy Parsons (Year 10) also featured in the relay teams.

Passmore

PASSMORES Girls U14 football team have overcome Great Baddow in the Essex Cup semis to set up a final against reigning champions, The Eastwood Academy from Leigh-on-Sea

After an excellent defensive and tactical display, a fine angled shot from Passmores' right winger was athletically saved by the outstanding Baddow keeper, but sharp reflexes from the left winger, secured the game's only goal.

Although Baddow piled on the pressure in the second half, Passmores' team spirit shone through, allowing them to win the game. This latest victory is particularly significant as it not only means Passmores has progressed to the final for the First time, but spells the end of Baddow's unbeaten record against Passmores.

This is the second of two new scalps for the team en route to

the showpiece occasion.
Passmores coach, Rebecca
Conway was thrilled at the result and said after the match: T'm extremely proud and cannot fault the girls' eagerness to learn and desire to win.

"Wind set plays a massive role they were really confident before the game – probably more confident than me which is saying something!"

Rain is a pain for defeated Harlow

Home team drop points after struggling to adapt to muddy conditions

wet and muddy conditions as quickly as visitors Chelmsford on Saturday, losing 13-10 in London & South-East Two North East. On a miserable afternoon Har

low were protecting their unbeaten run at Latton Park against a Chelmsford side who had won their last three games. Harlow knew they would be

facing a much stronger side than the one they defeated in the away leg in October and would have to be at their very best.

In the early stages, the Chelms ford pack started to drive Harlow off the ball and the hosts struggled to retain possession to put any attacking moves together.

After six minutes Chelmsford placed a deep kick over the Har-low defence.

Full back Ross Stalley tried to retrieve the ball, but was beaten



Harlow scrum half Charlie Woodington gets ready to feed a scrum against Chelmsford Photo by Ro Photo by Rob Furber

by Chelmsford winger who scored Both sides having struggled to

create any attacking moves, Chelmsford pegging Harlow back in their half for long periods.

Late in the half Harlow's Danny Smith slotted over a penalty to reduce the deficit to 5-3 at halftime.

In the second half Chelmsford

took the game to Harlow and scored their second try after 58 minutes to extend their advant-age to 10-3. The drizzle and a wet surface made it difficult for either

Side to play good rugby.

However In the last five minutes Harlow eventually managed to show some fight.

With quick hall from a line out Kain Claridge found himself clear to go over the whitewash and with Smith converting the scores were level at 10-10.

harlow conceded a penalty just outside their 22 metre line.
Chelmsford's kicker, against the wind and rain coolly slotted the ball between the posts to win the game 13-10. Harlow fielded a side with

number of changes and would surely have benefited from a hav-ing the confidence of a more con-

The greasy playing surface and the wet ball made it hard to play open rugby and Chelmsford adap-ted to conditions better.

This weekend Harlow are away to 11th placed Cantabrigian and the following week tenth placed Woodford.

Both are winnable games and Harlow know they must use the opportunity to consolidate their squad before they meet higher placed sides.